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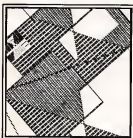
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HANDLING YOUR RS-232

I have a serial RS-232 printer connected to the Atari 850 interface box. It works fine when I'm writing in BASIC, but when using software that expects a parallel printer port, of course it doesn't work. Is it possible to POKE the location where the printer handler is, redirecting it to the location of the RS-232 handler? Where is the RS-232 handler kept?

Jim Riess
Sudbury, MA

The RS-232 handler isn't resident in the Atari OS—it must be loaded from disk turn on the 850 interface, then boot from the Atari DOS Master Disk or from a disk containing the AUTORUN.SYS file (from the Master Disk). This loads the RS-232 handler and adds its address to the handler table. Then simply use the RS-232 port as another I/O channel. First, OPEN #1,8,"R1"; then use PRINT #1 or PUT #1 to send data to the port. Finally, CLOSE #1. Of course, this can only be used to modify BASIC programs that use the printer.

Modifying machine language programs that use printers, such as LJK's Letter Perfect requires extensive technical expertise and probably wouldn't be worth the trouble. As far as we know, the only commercial word processing program for the Atari using the RS-232 port is Atari's own Atariwriter. Choose SAVE from the main menu, then type R1: at the prompt for device and file name. If you use Atariwriter without a disk drive, the RS-232 handler is automatically booted if the 850 is turned on and connected before the computer is turned on.

—ANTIC ED

ANTIC AUTHORS

I am 14 years old and am the proud owner of an Atari 800. Is it possible for me to write an article for Antic and for you to then publish it?

Michael Plotnik
Brooklyn, NY

We always encourage readers, of all ages, to submit material for publication. Of course, we reserve the right to decide whether or not to use a submission. If you would like more information, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Antic, requesting our Author's Guide. —ANTIC ED

A VOTE FOR BASIC XL

The members of the Westmoreland Atari Computer Organization believe that BASIC XL, from Optimized Systems Software (OSS), is the best programming language for the Atari computer. We feel it is the ideal language to be built into the forthcoming Atari 1450 XLD computer. We have written letters suggesting this to James Morgan, Atari's chairman, and Bill Wilkinson of OSS. *Consumer Reports* recently rated Atari as its top choice among home computers, but blasted Atari BASIC as one of the main reasons home computers aren't taken more seriously. Atari is letting a golden opportunity slip by if it doesn't market BASIC XL as an extended BASIC.

George J. Adamson
Newsletter Editor
Westmoreland Atari
Computer Organization
North Huntingdon, PA

We agree that BASIC XL is an excellent version of BASIC. We'd like to point out, however, that Atari currently markets Microsoft BASIC II, a cartridge-based extended BASIC. By the way, George is a frequent contributor to Antic. —ANTIC ED

MORE FROM MORI

I have written a graphics program in mode 7, called "Three-Color Demo." I hope you enjoy this:

```
10 GRAPHICS 7+16:COLOR 1
20 FOR T=1 TO 159 STEP 5
30 PLOT T,0:DRAWTO 159,4
4:DRAWTO T,89: PLOT 159-T
,0:DRAWTO 0,44:DRAWTO 15
9-T,89
40 NEXT T
50 COLOR 2
60 FOR I=1 TO 30 STEP 3
70 PLOT 79+I,44:DRAWTO 7
9,74-I:DRAWTO 79-I,44:0:R
AWTO 79,14+I:DRAWTO 79+I
,44
80 NEXT I
90 PLOT 79,0:DRAWTO 79,1
4: PLOT 79,89:DRAWTO 79,7
4: PLOT 0,44:DRAWTO 79,44
: PLOT 159,44:DRAWTO 79,4
4
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```
100 COLOR 3
110 FOR I=1 TO 89 STEP 2
120 PLOT I,0:DRAWTO 159,
I:DRAWTO 159-I,89:DRAWTO
0,89-I:DRAWTO I,0
130 PLOT 159-I,0:DRAWTO
0,I:DRAWTO I,89:DRAWTO 1
59,89-I:DRAWTO 159-I,0
140 NEXT I
150 REM ATARI LOGO MARK
160 COLOR 2
170 FOR I=0 TO 89
180 PLOT 0,I:DRAWTO 159,
I
190 NEXT I:COLOR 0
200 FOR I=30 TO 60 STEP
2
210 PLOT 68,I:DRAWTO 72,
I:PLOT 76,I:DRAWTO 78,I:
PLOT 82,I:DRAWTO 86,I
220 NEXT I
230 FOR I=60 TO 70 STEP
2:Q=Q+2
240 PLOT 68-Q,I:DRAWTO 7
2-Q,I:PLOT 76,I:DRAWTO 7
8,I:PLOT 82-Q,I:DRAWTO 8
6-Q,I
250 NEXT I
260 GOTO 260
```

Masahiro Mori
Taichung, Taiwan

TRACE TROUBLE REVISITED

This is an answer to a question posed by Paul Mattia in June I/O Board, entitled "Trace Trouble." The problem has been documented by Bill Wilkinson of Optimized Systems Software. If you use the CPY#xxx instruction and try to trace the program using the Assembler/Editor cartridge in the debugger mode, the trace aborts. There is no solution for this problem. The best thing to do is not to use CPY#, but use CPX# instead. Try this: Instead of using CPY#510, use

```
CPY CNSTNT
CNSTNT .BYTE $10
```

This will solve the problem.
Robert Davis
Sheffner, FL

ATARI OVERSEAS

Prior to buying my new system (including computer, disk drive, interface module, printer, and color monitor) in Canada to use in Israel, many people, including Atari salesmen, said the system wouldn't work with Israel's 220-volt, 50-Hz electricity supply. (The same system used throughout Europe.) I'm delighted to report that, with the use of a simple stepdown transformer (220 to 110 volts), my system works perfectly.

Mr. Euphraty
Netanya, Israel

Readers should note that Mr. Euphraty bought his monitor at the same time as the rest of his system. A computer manufactured for the North American market is not compatible with European standard of television signal transmission. —ANTIC ED

CASSETTE AUTO BOOT?

I'm building an alarm system and would like to have a fully automatic boot capability for my 48K Atari 400 and cassette drive, instead of having to leave the unit on and programmed. When nobody is home, there's no one to press the Off-Start-Restart sequence. Any help in this area?

Eddie Leach
Gainesville, FL

As far as we know, there's no way to automate booting an Atari cassette system. If there's nobody around to start the system, why not turn it on when you leave, for greater security? —ANTIC ED

KUDOS AND QUESTIONS

Hats off to the finest Atari-oriented magazine! The games are outstanding! Keep up the good work. Superb graphics are tops on the list, too.

Will Roadman and GTIA Sketchpad work on the unexpanded (16K) Atari 600XL?

Milson Luce
Kenner, LA

Thanks for the kind words! We will continue to bring you the best games and graphics. Neither of the two programs you mentioned will work on the unexpanded 600 XL.

—ANTIC ED

ATARI SOLD TO TRAMIEL

Just as this issue of *Antic* was going to press, the news came that Atari's computer and videogame divisions were sold by Warner Communications to a new Hong Kong-based company headed by Jack Tramiel, the tough, hard-driving ex-president of Commodore computers.

Tramiel (pronounced tra-miel) was already operating Atari's Sunnyvale headquarters the day the announcement was made. He promptly issued a statement that his goal was to make Atari "number one—nothing less."

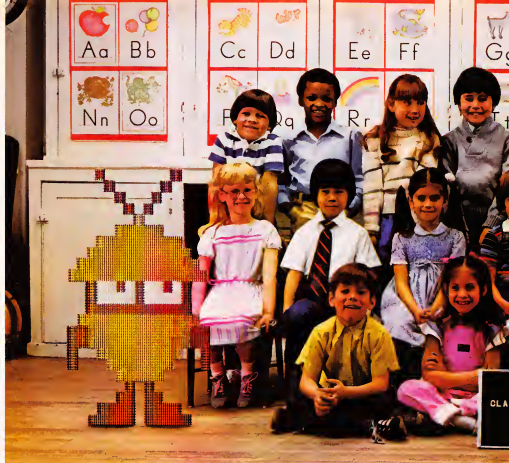
Talk like that must be taken seriously when it comes from Jack Tramiel—the man who sold more home computers than anybody else in history, and who is famous for consistently cutting prices below the competition.

Our sources tell us that Tramiel showed up in Sunnyvale with a complete plan for obtaining all components of the 800XL computer at lower cost. Now that Atari's overhead has been cut so drastically, *Antic* believes that the 800XL will be not only the best—but also the most affordable—64K computer on the market this Christmas.

We think the chances are good that over the next few months Atari will emerge as the Chrysler of high-tech, the biggest comeback story in the history of the computer industry.

Whatever happens, *Antic* will continue to be the Number One source of information and guidance for all Atari computer owners. We'll have a lot more details for you in our next issue. And we'll especially be looking for the latest news on how you can get any Atari customer service problems taken care of.

Finally, here's a call to APX program authors, all Atari software developers and third-party hardware vendors. If you're looking for a way to market your products directly, phone Gary Yost at *Antic* right away. We may be able to help you . . .



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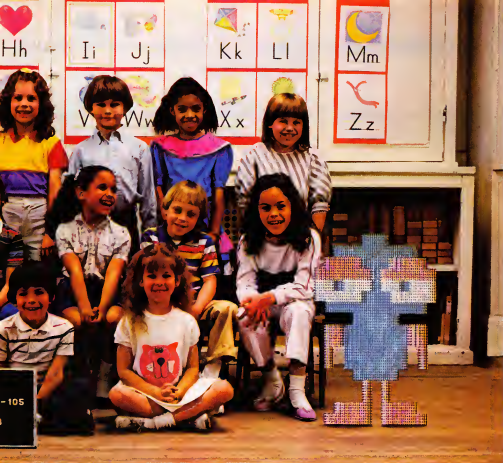
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I'm glad I found you. Being the owner of a 1200XL and Microsoft BASIC, I was becoming more discouraged each day before finding your June issue on the XLs.

I noticed that the typographical error Atari made in their table of OS changes from Revision B to the XL was copied (in Robert DeWitt's article on the evolution of the XL computers). The last hex address should be 03FB-03FC instead of 03FB-03FC.

John Tilton
Carlsbad, CA

MEMORY WINDOW

In your program "Memory Window" (April 1984), line 160 should read `MEM+255`. This will give the proper memory reading in the window. For example, page 0 resides in location 0-255, not 0-256.

Bill Travis
Salt Lake City, UT

ERRATA

In our review of Ultima I (Antic, July 1984), the author's name should have been Keith Valenza. We apologize for the error.

APX LIVES ON

Many readers have asked us how to get APX programs now that Atari has closed that division. Al Thomas, Manager of Sales and Manufacturing for APX tells us that twenty of the best APX programs, including EXCALIBUR, GETAWAY and ATARI PRINTER DRIVER, will continue to be sold. You can obtain a complete list of titles and a new order form by calling (800) 672-1404 inside California, (800) 538-8543 outside California or by writing:

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SCROLLING INTO TROUBLE

I'm a student who is fascinated by what my Atari 400 can do, but I've stumbled onto a few problems. Specifically, I've had trouble setting up a horizontal-scrolling routine and creating my own character set. Any help you can offer would be most appreciated.

Richard Tan
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Antic's publisher, James Capparelli, has written an article on scrolling that may help you. Entitled simply, "Scrolling," it appears in our recently-published anthology, The Best of Antic, Volume One.

Several articles that explain how to create your own character set have recently appeared in Antic. See "Old Man Reforms" by John and Mary Harrison (Antic, page 36, December 1983) and "Character Graphics" by Chris Chabris (Antic, page 60, February 1984).—ANTIC ED

ANIMATING TANKS

In your June 1984 article "Use Basic to Animate," you stated that the Antic staff was unable to eliminate the instructions for Players 2 and 3 because the remaining tanks would not fire.

You cannot eliminate the entire line. The first item on the line must be retained. The listing below allows you to select either a two, three or four player game. It then disables the unused tanks and eliminates them from the screen.

Please keep up the good work. I learn something every time I type in one of your listings.

Charles Barker
Lawrenceburg, IN

SCROLL YOUR WAY TO THE TOP

There is a typographical error in the article "Scroll Your Way to the Top" (Antic, June 1984). In the last paragraph on page 44, the number 1586 should be 1536.

DISKREAD SECTORS

I typed in "Diskread" from Antic, March 1984, and found a small flaw. If you request the utility to display the "next" sector, it finds the next sector from information in the "pointer" in the last three bytes of the current sector. The sectors (360-368) that contain the VTOC (volume table of contents) and disk directory don't use this pointer, so attempting to display the next sector while displaying a directory sector won't work correctly.

I've made a change that corrects this problem. Insert the following line into the program:

```
215 IF NUM>359 AND NUM<369 THEN
    NES=NUM+1 GOTO 250
```

Edward Aubitz
Bloomington, MN

LOADING GLOOP

Bravo to you and to Guy Alchison for "Galactic Gloop" (Antic, February 1984)—it's one of the best games in BASIC I've ever seen. The song is great, and the graphics are out of this world!

I have a disk-based system, however, and I quickly got tired of typing in special commands each time I loaded the game, so I wrote this little program to ease the task. To use it, first SAVE or rename the game program as "GALACTIC." Then type in this program and SAVE it as "GLOOP." Then RUN "D GLOOP."

Please print my full address, so that other readers who'd like to talk computers or swap programs can get in touch with me.

```
0 REM Pre-load initialization for
  Galactic Gloop
10 GRAPHICS 0:SETCOLOR 2,0,0
20 ? :? "POKE 743,114:POKE 744,46":?
  ? :? "NEW":? :? "LOAD ":
  CHR$(34): "D.GALACTIC":CHR$(34)
  :? :?
30 ? "POKE 842,12:RUN"
40 POSITION 2,0:POKE 842,13:STOP
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UNLOCKING THE 56 GRAPHICS MODES

Instant exploration of Atari's display styles

by PAUL CHABOT

Why did you buy an Atari computer? The chances are good that, in addition to its other fine qualities, you were attracted by the unmatched ability to create computer color graphics.

Atari home computers are outstanding for graphics because they all feature, in addition to the 6502 central microprocessor, another chip called ANTIC (sound familiar?) that's dedicated solely to handling the Atari's video screen display.

The ANTIC chip can display data in 14 different formats, called *graphics modes*. The accompanying chart lists all 14, along with information about each. Some of these, such as Graphics 0, are text modes, which means that the data in memory must be represented as characters (numbers, letters, and symbols). Others, such as Graphics 7, tell the computer to display memory data as a picture.

In addition to the 14 ANTIC modes, there are three additional graphics modes that are controlled by yet another special chip, GTIA (George's Television Interface Adaptor). These are Graphics 9, 10, and 11. Here is what

SYNOPSIS

Introducing Atari's full range of graphics modes. With accompanying BASIC program that gives you instant display of all 56 modes. Runs on all Atari computers of all memory configurations. For Antic Disk subscribers: Type RUN "D:ALLMODES.BAS".

happens when you call up one of these GTIA modes in a program. The Atari first sets up a full screen display of Graphics 8, then alters memory location 623. If you call Graphics 9, then 64 is added to the contents of location 623. If you call Graphics 10, then 128 is added to this location. Calling Graphics 11 adds 192. The accompanying chart provides more details.

Thus, you see that GTIA has four states controlled by location 623, and accessible by the values 0, 64, 128, and 192. Each of ANTIC's 14 graphics modes can be altered by GTIA's four states — for a grand total of 56 modes. Of course, some of these modes are ugly

and others are simply useless. There are, however, many valuable modes.

The accompanying program sets up a sample text display, then allows you to view it in all 56 graphics modes. The display won't be recognizable in every graphics mode, but you'll get an instant demonstration of how the same data is interpreted in the different modes.

HOW TO USE THE PROGRAM

Type in the BASIC listing and test it with **TYPO**. **SAVE** an extra backup copy, then **RUN** it. It will produce a Graphics 2 screen display with a menu in the text window. Use the number keys [0]–[8] to change the display mode. Keys [A]–[E] produce additional modes that are supported directly by the XL series, but that require special programming to be used by 400/800 computers (see accompanying chart).

Press [G] to cycle GTIA through its four states. The [S] key changes the memory area that gets mapped to the screen. Feel free to roam around and watch your Atari think by typing in addresses such as 1536, 53760, 53960, 0,

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and 40520. The [R] key gets you home again.

ALLMODES was created to demonstrate and explore the graphics capabilities of the Atari. Feel free to hit [BREAK] at any time and enter immediate-mode commands. For example, try POKEing various values directly into the color registers 704-712. If the GTIA isn't in its initial state, you'll have difficulty reading the text window. After using the immediate mode, type CONT [RETURN] to resume program execution. Typing [R] returns you to the menu.

SIZE CHANGES

Notice that besides changing the display, your selections cause the display area to shrink or expand. This is why it happens:

When you look at your video display, you're actually seeing a beam of electrons sweeping across the screen, left to right. Every time the beam reaches the right edge of the screen, it is turned off and moved down slightly, where it will sweep across the screen again. The result of each sweep on the screen is

called a *scan line*. The standard Atari full-screen display holds 192 scan lines and is re-drawn every 1/60 of a second.

An Atari display combines scan lines into *mode lines*, units of one to 16 scan lines — depending on which graphics modes you're using.

Graphics 2, the mode we started with, has 10 mode lines. Each of its mode lines contains 16 scan lines, for a total of 160 scan lines, which results in a fairly full screen. ALLMODES retains this format of 10 mode lines when it displays any of the 56 graphics modes. However, a graphics mode might contain as few as one scan line per mode line.

For more information on how to control the Atari video display, see "Display Lists Simplified" (Antic, Feb/Mar 1983).

GTIA

When called from BASIC, GTIA modes 9,10, and 11 use a configuration similar to Graphics 8 and use the same amount of screen memory. Because of the difference in pixel shape, however, there are 80 pixels per row in GTIA. These

three GTIA modes can be combined with the other modes by POKEing location 623 as follows:
GTIA 9 — POKE 623,64
GTIA 10 — POKE 623,128
GTIA 11 — POKE 623,192

COLOR ACCESS:

GTIA 9 — POKE hue into 712
Use BASIC COLOR command 0-15 for the shade.
GTIA 10 — POKE hues and intensities into 704-712
Use BASIC COLOR command 0-15 for the color.
GTIA 11 — POKE 712,0-14 for luminance. Use BASIC COLOR command 0-15 for hue.

NOTES:

* One color, two luminances
+User determined. Please see the article in this issue "ANTIC'S MODE 3."

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ATARI GRAPHICS MODES AND SCREEN FORMATS

ANTIC MODE	BASIC MODE	MODE TYPE	BYTES/ LINE	COLUMNS	ROWS (SPLIT)	ROWS (FULL)	SCAN LINES/ MODE LINE	# OF COLORS	SCREEN RAM REQUIRED
2	GR.0	TEXT	40	40	—	24	8	1*	960
3	NONE	TEXT	40	40	—	+	10	1*	+
4	GR.12(XL)	TEXT	40	40	20	24	8	5	960
5	GR.13(XL)	TEXT	40	40	10	12	16	5	480
6	GR.1	TEXT	20	20	20	24	8	5	480
7	GR.2	TEXT	20	20	10	12	16	5	240
8	GR.3	GRAPH	10	40	20	24	8	4	240
9	GR.4	GRAPH	10	80	40	48	4	2	480
A	GR.5	GRAPH	20	80	40	48	4	4	960
B	GR.6	GRAPH	20	160	80	96	2	2	1920
C	GR.14(XL)	GRAPH	20	160	160	192	1	2	3840
D	GR.7	GRAPH	40	160	80	96	2	4	3840
E	GR.15(XL)	GRAPH	40	160	160	192	1	4	7680
F	GR.8	GRAPH	40	320	160	192	1	1*	7680

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5 REM ALLMOOES
6 REM BY PAUL CHABOT
7 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
10 GOSUB 200
20 K=PEEK(764):IF K<64 THEN 40
30 FOR I=1536 TO 1575
32 POKE I,PEEK(53778):NEXT I
34 GOTO 20
40 POKE 764,255
50 REM LINKAGE
52 IF K=50 THEN M=2:GOSUB 100:REM ..0
54 IF K=31 THEN M=6:GOSUB 100:REM ..1
56 IF K=30 THEN M=7:GOSUB 100:REM ..2
58 IF K=26 THEN M=8:GOSUB 100:REM ..3
60 IF K=24 THEN M=9:GOSUB 100:REM ..4
62 IF K=29 THEN M=10:GOSUB 100:REM ..5
64 IF K=27 THEN M=11:GOSUB 100:REM ..6
66 IF K=51 THEN M=13:GOSUB 100:REM ..7
68 IF K=53 THEN M=15:GOSUB 100:REM ..8
70 IF K=63 THEN M=3:GOSUB 100:REM ..A
72 IF K=21 THEN M=4:GOSUB 100:REM ..B
74 IF K=18 THEN M=5:GOSUB 100:REM ..C
76 IF K=58 THEN M=12:GOSUB 100:REM ..D
78 IF K=42 THEN M=14:GOSUB 100:REM ..E
80 IF K=62 THEN GOSUB 120:REM .....S
82 IF K=48 THEN GOSUB 140:REM .....R
84 IF K=61 THEN GOSUB 150:REM .....G
90 GOTO 20
100 REM MOOE CHANGE
102 POKE DL+3,64+M
104 FOR I=DL+6 TO DL+14
106 FOR W=0 TO 20:NEXT W
108 POKE I,M:NEXT I
110 RETURN
120 REM SCREEN AREA CHANGE
122 ? :? :? :? :POKE 656,0
124 ? "SCREEN AREA NOW BEGINS AT ";SA
126 ? :? "INPUT A NEW BEGIN ADDRESS"
128 INPUT SA
130 SH=INT(SA/256):SL=SA-256*SH
132 POKE DL+4,SL:POKE DL+5,SH
134 GOSUB 250:RETURN
140 REM RESTORE SCREEN
142 SL=PEEK(88):SH=PEEK(89)
143 POKE 623,8
144 SA=SL+256*SH
146 POKE DL+4,SL:POKE DL+5,SH
147 GOSUB 250
148 M=7:GOSUB 100:RETURN
150 REM GTIA MODES
152 I=PEEK(623)+64:POKE 712,48
154 IF I>255 THEN I=I-256
156 IF I>191 THEN POKE 712,0
158 POKE 623,I:RETURN
200 REM INITIALIZE
202 GRAPHICS 2

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204 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561)
206 SA=PEEK(88)+256*PEEK(89)
210 ? #6;" AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA"
212 ? #6;" I"
214 ? #6;" I"
216 ? #6;" I"
218 ? #6;" I"
220 ? #6;" I"
222 ? #6;" I"
224 ? #6;" I"
226 ? #6;" I"
228 ? #6;" I"
230 FOR I=0 TO 15:POKE 1616+I,I
232 POKE 1636+I,I:POKE 1656+I,I
234 POKE 1676+I,I:POKE 1696+I,I
236 POKE 1736+I,I:POKE 1756+I,I
238 NEXT I
240 POKE 712,48:POKE 704,12*16
242 POKE 785,6*16+6:POKE 796,15*16+4
244 POKE 707,166
250 REM MAIN MENU
252 ? :? :? :? :POKE 656,0:POKE 752,I
254 ? " 0 GR.0  A Antic3  E GR.7+"
256 ? " 1 GR.1  B Antic4  G GTIA"
258 ? " 2 GR.2  C Antic5  S Scree"
260 ? " ... etc.  D GR.6+  R Resto"
262 ? "re"
270 RETURN

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TYPO TABLE

Variable checksum = 102215				
Line	num	range	Code	Length
5	-	54	ZI	283
56	-	78	ZX	510
80	-	122	NL	298
124	-	147	BQ	299
148	-	212	KB	343
214	-	236	ZT	434
238	-	270	VM	382

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TELLING TIME IN PILOT

Easy educational program
—only 104 lines

SYNOPSIS

This is a simple and well-documented program to teach children to tell time using three levels of difficulty. Best of all, it's only 104 lines long and runs on all Atari computers. Antic Disk subscribers simply LOAD D:TIME.PLT [RETURN]. Now type RUN.

by RICHARD SELTZER

In "Turtle Sketch Pad" in the December 1983 *Antic*, it was interesting to see how to use PEEK and POKE-type commands in PILOT to get results similar to programs written in BASIC.

But the real power and value of PILOT comes from its simplicity. Programs that stick to PILOT (without all the PEEKs and POKEs) can be written and rejuggled right at the keyboard and can be understood at a glance.

In other words, for question and answer kinds of drills and exercises, teachers or parents can write programs in PILOT as easily as they might prepare worksheets or handouts. PILOT programs are a very do-it-yourself medium.

The following program illustrates the power and simplicity of PILOT with Turtle Graphics. I wrote it for my daughter Heather, age six, who wanted practice in telling time. It provides three levels of difficulty—hours alone, quarter hours, and five minute increments—all in just 104 short instructions.

PROGRAM NOTES

PILOT's TURN and TURNTO commands, using the 360 degrees of a circle, are well suited to drawing lines radiating from a center point, like the hands of a clock. For instance, for the hour hand, we pick a random number from 0 to 11 (line 170), set 0 equal to 12 (line 180). Then (in line 200)

we go to the center of the screen (0,0), and from the straight up position (TURNTO 0 in line 190) turn 30 degrees times the number of the hour and draw a line 15 units long (just a bit shorter than the minute hand, which we arbitrarily made 20 units long in line 190).

For the Quarter Hour version, we add an extra line (line 390) so the hour hand realistically moves ahead a quarter of 30 degrees (or 15/2) for each quarter hour beyond the hour. Similarly for the five minute version (line 590), the hour hand moves ahead a twelfth of 30 degrees (5/2) for each five minute increment beyond the hour.

Using the clock hands alone, without the numbers, made the games more interesting to play and also greatly simplified the programming.

Variables:

#H—the hour, a random number from 0 to 11

#Q—the quarter hour, a random number from 0 to 3

#M—the five minute increment, a random number from 0 to 11

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#N=the quarter or the five minute increment translated to minutes

#R=the number of questions answered right

#T=the number of questions asked (a game is 12 questions)

In the five minute version, if the correct answer was 5:05, with the standard format of #H:#M the program would expect an answer of 5:5. So in line 660, we add a match of

#H:05, so the right answer is recognized as right. Also, when the answer is an exact hour, the natural inclination is to type just the number of the hour, without a colon and zeroes. Lines 460 and 670 make sure that that, too, will be accepted as a match.

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10 T:WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
20 A:$NAME
30 GR: CLEAR
40 *CIRCLE
50 GR: PEN RED;GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #X;GO 25
60 C:#X=#X+1
70 J(#X<>360):*CIRCLE
80 *START
90 C:#R=0
100 C:#T=0
110 T:DO YOU WANT TO PLAY HOURS (H), Q
    UARTER HOURS (Q) OR FIVE MINUTES (M)?
    (TYPE H,Q, OR M)
120 A:
130 M:H,Q,M
140 JM:*HOUR,*QUARTER,*MINUTE
150 JN:*START
160 *HOUR
170 C:#H=?\12
180 C(#H=0):#H=12
190 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO 0;PEN YELLOW;DR
    AW 20
200 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #H*30;DRAW 15
210 GR: PEN RED;GOTO 0,0
220 T:
230 T:WHAT TIME IS IT, $NAME? (JUST TY
    PE THE HOUR)
240 A:
250 M:#H
260 C:#T=#T+1
270 TN:ND, IT'S REALLY #H. GOOD LUCK O
    N THE NEXT ONE, $NAME.
280 PAN:150
290 UY:*RIGHT
300 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #H*30;PEN ERASE
    ;DRAW 15
310 J(#T<12):*HOUR
320 GR(#T=12):GOTO 0,0;TURNTO 0;PEN ER
    ASE;DRAW 20
330 J(#T=12):*REPLAY
340 *QUARTER
350 C:#H=?\12
360 C(#H=0):#H=12
370 C:#Q=?\4
380 C:#N=15*#Q
390 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #H*30;TURN #Q*(

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15/2);PEN YELLOW;DRAW 15
400 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #Q*90;DRAW 20
410 GR: PEN RED;GOTO 0,0
420 T:
430 T:WHAT TIME IS IT, $NAME? (USE THE
    FORM 9:15, 10:30, ETC.)
440 A:
450 M:#H:#N
460 M(#Q=0):#H
470 C:#T=#T+1
480 UY:*RIGHT
490 UN:*ANSWER
500 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #H*30;TURN #Q*(
    15/2);PEN ERASE;DRAW 15
510 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #Q*90;DRAW 20
520 J(#T<12):*QUARTER
530 J(#T=12):*REPLAY
540 *MINUTE
550 C:#H=?\12
560 C(#H=0):#H=12
570 C:#M=?\12
580 C:#N=#M*5
590 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #H*30;TURN #M*(
    5/2);PEN YELLOW;DRAW 15
600 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #M*30;DRAW 20
610 GR: PEN RED;GOTO 0,0
620 T:
630 T:WHAT TIME IS IT, $NAME? (USE THE
    FORM 5:25, 12:05, ETC.)
640 A:
650 M:#H:#N
660 M(#N=5):#H:05
670 M(#N=0):#H
680 C:#T=#T+1
690 UY:*RIGHT
700 UN:*ANSWER
710 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #H*30;TURN #M*(
    5/2);PEN ERASE;DRAW 15
720 GR:GOTO 0,0;TURNTO #M*30;DRAW 20
730 J(#T<12):*MINUTE
740 J(#T=12):*REPLAY
750 *RIGHT
760 T:RIGHT!
770 C:#R=#R+1
780 SO:13
790 PA:15
800 SO:17

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810 PA:15
820 SO:20
830 PA:15
840 SO:25
850 PA:30
860 SO:0
870 E:
880 *ANSWER
890 T(#N=0):NO, IT'S #H:00. GOOD LUCK
ON THE NEXT ONE, $NAME.
900 PA(#N=0):150
910 E(#N=0):
920 T(#N=5):NO, IT'S #H:05. GOOD LUCK
ON THE NEXT ONE, $NAME.
930 T(#N<5):NO, IT'S #H:#N. GOOD LUCK
ON THE NEXT ONE, $NAME.
940 PA:150
950 E:
960 *REPLAY
970 T:VERY GOOD, $NAME. OUT OF 12, YOU
GOT #R RIGHT. WANT TO PLAY SOME MORE?
980 A:

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990 M:Y,YES
1000 JM:*START
1010 JN:*END
1020 *END
1030 T:GOODBYE, $NAME.
1040 E:

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by MICHAEL CIRAOLO

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The BBS currently offers educational public domain software, according to system operator (sysop) Cassie Stahl. In the future, the board is likely to expand to include demonstrations of new products for downloading, as well as information about new Atari products.

This system uses an Atari 800, a 6 megabyte hard disk drive, a 300 baud Hayes Smartmodem, Atari 850 interface and 822 printer. The system runs with FOREM, a popular Atari bulletin board program that allows users to obtain limited access to the system without a password.

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NEW DIRECTIONS

Public Access Bulletin Board Systems are known as great sources of public domain software, of news and mail from fellow computer users, and of several varieties of games.

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Modern Magazine currently offers about 264K worth of text on a variety of subjects not normally found on a BBS, including agriculture and the original Jethro Tull, space, robotics, lasers, the environment, rhinoceros extinction, and computing in the Soviet Union.

Sysop Bob Stahl said he also hopes to move his 24-hour BBS in a more political direction, encouraging debate on the impending presidential election.

Stahl, who is looking for an older audience, said interest in his system is picking up. Modern Magazine gets between 50 and 100 calls each week, with a decline in the summer. The text files are slowly being discovered by callers, and a few people are systematically reading their way through the entire three disks of material.

In a more conventional vein, the Stahls will be bringing Avalon Hill board games to their system, with one person appointed judge and the multiple users normally found in such games.

The Stahl's system uses an Atari 800, an Atari 400 with 48K and eight Atari 810 disk drives. With an ATR 8000, the system may soon have C/PM capability. Modern Magazine uses two printers, the Atari 822 and 825, and a Hayes Smartmodem at 300 and 1200 baud.

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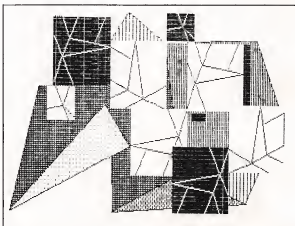
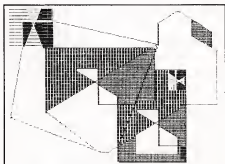
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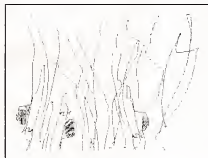
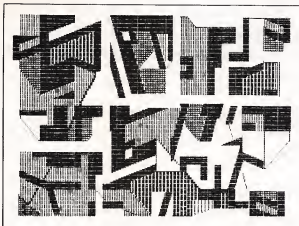
Modern art on a dot matrix printer

by JOSEPHA HAVEMAN

Computer art is usually identified with video screen displays. But dot matrix printers and color plotters can be effectively used by artists to produce computer generated pictures on paper. Unfortunately, only a few graphics software packages offer a built-in screen dump utility which would allow the artist to send the image currently on the screen directly to a printer. But if your favorite graphics program does not include this very important option, you can usually save the finished image to disk—from which the pictures can then be loaded into another program for dumping to a printer.

Because each graphics software package offers different drawing and painting features, many computer artists have several graphics programs around to provide a variety of features. Most high resolution Atari graphics programs allow only 4 colors on the screen at one time. Some programs offer the use of texture patterns, which provides an additional variety of picture options.





TEXTURE IN HARD COPY

For hard copy printout the texture patterns provide greater variety on paper than different screen colors do. An interesting problem here, is to compose pictures with the computer, viewed and edited on the CRT, while trying to predict how the printer will interpret each color, line and texture element. To accurately predict the effect takes considerable practice.


The best way to get to know these variations, is to create a test print for each software package and printer. Colors may print out with the same or similar textures in a black & white picture, making adjacent areas indistinguishable from one another. Suitable textures, rather than colors, must be programmed in such areas.

To get the most out of your Atari and your graphics printer, work with several compatible programs, using each for their best, or unique, features.

With the right programming and careful study and testing, excellent prints can be produced on dot matrix printers. True to its origin, this art bears the mechanical look of the medium in which it is produced. However, with the proper control of the printer's capabilities, a high quality can be maintained in the work. And these stylistic features become merely representative of the techniques of our era, not too different from those of medieval woodcuts 500 years ago.

Creative tools change with the times, as do the superficial appearances of artworks. The essence of art, however, remains pretty much the same.

Berkeley computer artist and photographer Josephine Haveman is an associate professor at California College of Arts and Crafts. She holds an Atari Fellowship Grant and this April exhibited computer prints at the Cory Gallery in San Francisco.

The pictures shown here were created on an Atari 800 and printed with a Gemini 15X. The artist uses the following compatible software at various stages of drawing and dumping an image: Micro Illustrator on KoolaidPad, Micro-Painter and Graphic Master. 



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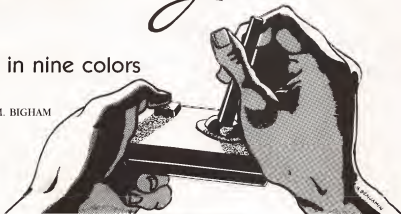
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10 GRAPHICS 10
20 GOTO 20
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If the screen turns black, you have the GTIA chip. If the screen stays blue, you must have one installed by a service representative to use this program.

Type in the program and SAVE a couple of copies for backup. Check it with TYPO, make any necessary corrections, plug in a joystick, and RUN it.

When the program starts, a screen of instructions appears. You can return to this screen at any time by pressing [CLEAR], but this also erases your picture. Press any key to start drawing. You can change the current drawing color by pressing the joystick button. Activate other commands with the following keys:

[I] — moves the cursor without drawing. Press the joystick fire button to start drawing again.

SYNOPSIS

Drawing Fun is a joystick drawing program that uses Graphics 10, a nine-color medium-resolution GTIA mode. The program requires BASIC and a joystick, and can use disk or cassette for storage. It runs on all Atari computers manufactured after Jan. 1982. The fill feature works somewhat differently with XL computers (sometimes fills left and right instead of right only). If this proves to be a problem, use Translator: Antic Disk Subscribers' Run "D:DRAWFUN.BAS."

[CLEAR] — erases the screen and returns to the menu of instructions.

[E] makes cursor an eraser. Press the fire button to return to drawing mode.

[TAB] — creates a special effect by rotating all eight colors through the Atari's color registers, something like a circular bucket brigade. Press [TAB] again to stop the effect and return all colors to their original state.

[C] — when you press this, the com-

puter will automatically continue all moves you initiate with the joystick—drawing is continuous. Press [C] again to stop the automatic drawing.

[F] — fills to the right. This function fills one line at a time to the right of the cursor. This works only over the background color (black). Press [F] again to turn the fill off.

[S] — save a drawing. First you're prompted for a file name. If you're using a disk, type in the full name, including "D:". The program appends the extender ".PIC." If you just press [RETURN], the program displays the current disk directory. Cassette users, type C:, then press [RETURN].

[L] — load a saved drawing. This works similarly to Save, above. You needn't type in the .PIC extender when loading a file.

NOTE: When you enter the Save or Load section, the current picture is erased. You must reload it to continue working on it. If you activate one of these, but decide not to use it, type in at least two characters, beginning with a number. You'll be returned to the screen of instructions.

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10 REM DRAWING FUN
20 REM BY ELRHEA M. BIGHAM
30 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
40 DIM CS(4),CDS(7),FILES(20),BS(17),
CIS(30),S(35):CIS="NM";A$="S";B$="D"
50 A$="AAAAA":H=6:U1=1:U10=16
50 POKE 16,112:POKE 53774,112:IF DA TH
EN RETURN:REM DISABLE BREAK KEY
60 GRAPHICS 17:DA=1:H=6:POKE 710,134:P
OKE 700,190:POKE 700,80:Q0=764:Q01=255
:RESTORE 370:FOR I=1 TO 35:S(I)=U:U=U
70 NEXT I: ? #H:"DRAWING INSTRUCTIONS":
? #H:"Click to DRAW with": ? #H:"but
load changes COLOR":CLOSE #1
80 ? #H:"load key MOVES color": ? #H:"C
load key to CLEAR: ? #H: ? #H:"I INVISI
BLE cursor": ? #H: ? #H:"C ERASE mode":
90 ? #H: ? #H:"C CONTINUE move": ? #H: ?
#H:"I line Fill to RIGHT": ? #H:"I to L
OAD": ? #H: ? #H:"S to SAVE"
100 FOR I=U1 TO H:READ A:S(A)=U1:NEXT
I: ? #H: ? #H: ? #H:" PRESS ANY KEY":DP
EN #U1,4,U,"K":GET #U1,I
110 FOR I=U1 TO H:READ A:S(A)=U1:NEXT
I:CLOSE #U1:AL=U:SG=U1
120 GRAPHICS 10:RESTORE 390:FOR I=705
TO 712:READ A:POKE I,A:NEXT I:X=30:Y=1
00:C=U1:Z=U:COLOR C:I=U:F=U:E=U
130 POKE Q0,Q01:GOSUB 50:IF T THEN RET
URN
140 POKE 77,U:S=PEEK(632):SG=PEEK(644)
:IF AL AND S=15 THEN S=AL:SG=S
150 IF AL AND S<15 THEN AL=S:R=SG
160 Q=S(S):H=S(S+20):X=X+Q*(X<79 AND
Q=U1) OR (X>U AND Q=U1)):Y=Y+H*(Y<18
4 AND H=U1) OR (Y>U AND H=U1))
170 IF E THEN LOCATE X,Y,C:COLOR U1:PL
OT X,Y
180 IF SG=U THEN C=U1+C*(C<9):E=U:COLO
R C:IF I=U1 THEN I=U:C=B
190 IF I=U1 THEN PLOT X,Y:COLOR U1:PLO
T X,Y:GOTO 220
200 IF F THEN TRAP 200:POSITION X,Y:PO
KE 765,C:X10 10,#6,12,0,"S:"
210 PLOT X,Y:COLOR U: PLOT X,Y:IF Z THE
N Y1=USR(ADR(CIS))
220 COLOR C:PLOT X,Y:A=PEEK(QQ):IF A=Q
Q1 THEN 140
230 POKE QQ,QQ1:IF A=44 AND Z=U THEN Z
=U1:A=QQ1
240 IF A=44 AND Z THEN Z=U:RESTORE 390
:FOR I=705 TO 712:READ J:POKE I,J:NEXT
I
250 IF A=13 THEN E=U1:F=U:I=U
260 IF A=0 THEN CS="load":GOTO 410
270 IF A=62 THEN CS="save":GOTO 410
280 IF A=56 AND F=U1 THEN F=U:A=QQ1
290 IF A=56 AND F=U THEN F=U1:E=U:I=U
300 IF A=42 THEN I=U1:E=U:F=U:B=C:U
310 IF A=54 OR A=118 THEN 60
320 IF A=18 AND AL THEN A=QQ1:AL=U:R=U
I

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330 IF A=18 THEN AL=S:R=SG
340 PLOT X,Y:COLOR U:PLOT X,Y:IF Z THE
N Y1=USR(ADR(CIS))
350 COLOR C:PLOT X,Y:GOTO 140
360 REM JOYSTICK MOVE DATA
370 DATA 5,6,7,25,29,33,9,10,11,26,30,
34
380 REM GRAPHIC 10 COLOR DATA
390 DATA 8,30,78,102,132,166,226,42
400 REM LOADING OR SAVING A DRAWING
410 FILES="":GOSUB 570:GRAPHICS 2: ? #6
:"FILE NAME to ":CS: ? "":INPUT FILES
415 IF LEN(FILES)<3 AND FILES(1,1)="C"
THEN 500
420 IF LEN(FILES)>U1 THEN 470
420 GRAPHICS 2:POKE 710,130: ? #6:"FILE
DIRECTORY":TRAP 460:OPEN #U1,6,U,"D:*.
PIC":FOR I=U1 TO 9:INPUT #U1,B$
430 IF ASC(B$)<32 THEN FOR I=U1 TO LE
N(B$): ? #6:CHR$(ASC(B$(I,1))+128):NEX
T I:GOTO 460
440 IF ASC(B$)=32 THEN B$=B$(2)
450 TRAP 460: ? #6:B$:NEXT I
460 CLOSE #U1: ? "File to ":CS:INPUT F
ILES:IF LEN(FILES)<2 THEN 420
470 IF FILES(1,2)<>"D:" THEN B$=FILES:
FILES="D":FILES(3)=B$
480 A=LEN(FILES):TRAP 490:IF FILES(A-3
)=".PIC" THEN 500
490 FILES(A+1)="PIC"
500 TRAP 60:CLOSE #2:IF CS="save" THEN
I=8:CMD=11:POKE 559,0:GOSUB 520:POKE
559,34:GOTO 120
510 CMD=:T=1:GOSUB 120:I=4:GOSUB 520:
GOTO 140
520 OPEN #2,I,128,FILES
530 J=STADR:GOSUB 560:POKE 060,8:POKE
860,A:J=BYTES:GOSUB 560:POKE 872,B:POK
E 873,A
540 POKE 066,CMD:ERROR=USR(ADR(CDS),3
2)
550 ERROR=PEEK(867):CLOSE #2:RETURN
560 A=INT(J/256):B=INT(J-A*256):RETURN
570 POKE 764,255:CDS="hhhLV":BYTES=
7400:STADR=PEEK(80)+256*PEEK(89):RETUR
N

```

TYPE TABLE

Variable checksum = 621365				
Line	range	Code	Length	
10	- 70	OK	532	
80	- 140	PP	563	
150	- 250	HN	532	
260	- 370	LP	399	
380	- 460	DI	533	
470	- 560	QY	538	
570	- 570	QD	84	



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ANTIC'S MODE 3

A special character mode

by KARL WIEGERS

With the implementation of the new Operating System in the XL series of Atari computers, all of Atari's graphics and text modes but one are readily available to the user from BASIC. This is ANTIC Mode 3, a text mode that's similar to Graphics 0, but that allows special modifications to the character set.

A few of the concepts and terms used in this article may be unfamiliar to you. The *display list* is a set of instructions used by the ANTIC chip, the special graphics processor that constructs the screen display. See "Display Lists Simplified" (Antic, February/March 1983) for a detailed explanation of display lists and how they work.

A *scan line* is a single horizontal line traced by the electron beam on your television screen. Every 30th of a second, 525 scan lines are produced, forming a single screen image.

A *mode line* in Atari terminology is a group of scan lines (from 1 to 16, depending on the graphics mode) used as a unit by the display list. For instance, in Graphics 0, eight scan lines make up one mode line. See the Graphics Chart ("Unlocking the 56 Graphics Modes") in this issue for the number of scan lines required by different text and graphics modes.

Character graphics refers to the method normally used by the Atari

SYNOPSIS

Here's how to modify Atari's text mode to display video lowercase letters with real descenders (g, j, p, q, and y), and subscripts. The programs run on all Atari computers. Please note: the ANTIC referred to in this article is Atari's LSI chip, not your favorite magazine. Newer readers now know where our name came from. Antic Disk Subscribers: Run "D:HIDDEN.BAS".

Operating System to display alphanumeric characters on the screen. Read "Character Graphics" (Antic, February 1984) for further information.

Each character is composed of dots (pixels) in an 8-by-8 matrix. The dot pattern for each character is stored in eight consecutive bytes in ROM. The 128 characters that are the Atari character set occupy (128 × 8) 1024 bytes.

Here's a short program that will print out the Internal Character set (the ATASCII set).

The order in which the set is printed is the same order in which the computer's Read Only Memory stores the set.

```
10 PRINT "NUMBER"; "CHARACTER"  
20 FOR I=0 TO 63:PRINT  
   I,CHR$(I+32):NEXT I  
30 FOR I=64 TO 90:PRINT
```

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   I,CHR$(I-64):NEXT I  
35 FOR I=91 TO 95:PRINT  
   I,CHR$(27);CHR$(I-64):NEXT I  
40 FOR I=96 TO 124:PRINT  
   I,CHR$(I):NEXT I  
50 FOR I=125 TO 127:PRINT  
   I,CHR$(27);CHR$(I):NEXT I
```

In ANTIC 3, each mode line is ten scan lines high. Each character is still represented by eight bytes, and two scan lines normally appear as blanks below the character. Second, the last 32 characters in the set (lower case letters plus six special important characters) are displayed differently from the rest. The first two bytes of these 32 characters are displayed at the *bottom* of the character, and the two blank lines appear at the top. This allows us to redefine some of these characters to have lower-case descenders (the "tails" of letters, g, j, p, q, y extend two dots below the bottom of other letters).

STEP BY STEP

First, modify the display list. Each mode line of ANTIC 3 has ten scan lines. Our ANTIC 3 screen will have 20 lines of text on the screen. The program in Listing 1 sets up the ANTIC 3 display list.

When you RUN Listing 1, the screen will flash and a rectangular cursor will appear. The Operating System is set up for ANTIC 2, so it tries to display 24 lines. Since we've set up our new display

list to show 30 lines, the bottom four lines of the display are invisible. Press [RESET] to return to the normal display before rerunning the program.

Type some letters. Capital letters, numbers and graphic symbols look fine. Now type some lowercase letters. All the tall lowercase letters (b, d, f, h, i, j, k, l, t) are cut off; the tops of the letters are displayed as dots at the bottom of the letters. Here's why:

Figure 1A shows the dot pattern for a normal uppercase 'Y' in ANTIC Mode 2. Figure 1B shows the 'Y' in ANTIC 3. The two extra scan lines appear as blank lines below the character. Figure 2A shows the pattern for a lowercase 't', and 2B shows its ANTIC 3 representation. Note that dots in the top two rows of the normal character have been moved to the bottom of the character in ANTIC 3. This happens with all characters with ASCII codes between 96 and 127.

We can't use the standard character set in ANTIC 3 because of this. One possible solution is to redraw each character one line lower within its 8-by-10 matrix. The entire set must be copied into RAM first.

Figure 3 illustrates the necessary steps. Shift the eight bytes in the character down by one, and move the last byte to the top of the character. When ANTIC 3 displays the character, it displays the first two bytes last, so the vertically shifted characters will look fine. Listing 2 contains a machine-language subroutine that transfers the character set to RAM and performs the modification quickly. Merge Listing 2 with Listing 1 to combine the ANTIC 3 display list with the shifted characters.

Here's how to merge the two listings:

1. LOAD or type in Listing 1 and LIST it to disk or cassette.
2. Verify with TYPO.
3. LOAD or type in Listing 2.
4. Use the ENTER command to load (and merge) Listing 1.
5. Use SAVE to store the combined program.
6. If you don't see 'READY' after running the combined program, press [RESET] and RUN again.

We're now ready to redefine some characters to give the lowercase descenders mentioned earlier. We can

repair the comma and the semicolon at the same time.

Make a less squashed-looking 'y' by changing it to the dot pattern in figures 4A and 4B. This illustrates lowercase descenders; ANTIC 3 gives such characters a more pleasing appearance than does the usual text mode.

Listing 3 gives descenders to all the appropriate characters, and repairs the comma and semicolon. Merge this with the program from Listings 1 and 2. You now have a complete, working text display for ANTIC Mode 3.

A USEFUL APPLICATION

If we wish to write chemical or mathematical formulae, we need to use symbols as subscripts. Let's use ANTIC 3's special display features to create some subscript number characters.

The ASCII character set has six rarely used characters whose codes are: 96 ([CTRL][_]); 123([CTRL][:]); 124 ([SHIFT][=]); 125; 126; and 127. In this example, we'll replace character 96 with the dot pattern for a subscript '2', 123 with subscript '3', and 124 with subscript '4' (Figures 5A and 5B). Type in Listing 4 and merge with your evolving program. Press [RESET], and RUN the program. Now, whenever you press [CTRL][_], you should get a subscript '2', and so on. Try writing the chemical formula for potassium phosphate with these keystrokes:

[K] [CTRL][:] [P] [O] [SHIFT][=]

See if you can type other formulae, like silver carbonate, Ag_2CO_3 ; sodium acetate, $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$; aluminum sulfate, $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$. This may be the first chemistry you've seen coming out of your Atari computer, but it's just one application of ANTIC Mode 3. (If you come up with any other interesting uses for this mode, send them to Antic. If they're good, we'll publish them.)

As always, this is just a start. ANTIC 3 can be used for supersubscripts, footnotes, and vowel markings for foreign languages. Special character sets can be printed out using screen dump programs.

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figure 1A



figure 1B



figure 2A



figure 2B

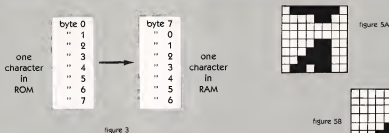


figure 4A



figure 4B





Listing 1

```

30 GRAPHICS 0
40 REM Turn off TV display
50 POKE 559,0
60 REM Find start of display list
70 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK(561)
80 REM Modify display list to ANTIC mode 3
90 POKE DL+3,67
100 FOR I=6 TO 24:POKE DL+I,3:NEXT I
110 POKE DL+25,65
120 POKE DL+26,PEEK(DL+30)
130 POKE DL+27,PEEK(DL+31)
400 REM Turn on TV display
410 POKE 559,34

```

Listing 2

```

10 REM Reserve 4 pages of RAM for character set
20 MEM=PEEK(106)-4:POKE 106,MEM-1:RAMS
TART=256*MEM
140 REM Load ML routine
150 FOR I=1 TO 35:READ A:POKE 1535+I,A
:NEXT I
160 DATA 104,160,255,162,7,177,203,72,
136,177,203,200,145,205
170 DATA 136,202,200,246,104,145,205,1
36,192
180 DATA 255,200,233,190,206,190,204,1
90,207,200,223,96
190 REM Initialize work variables for
character set transfer to RAM
200 POKE 203,0:POKE 204,227
210 POKE 205,0:POKE 206,MEM+3:POKE 207
,4
220 REM Call ML routine to move character
set
230 A=USR(1536)
300 REM Turn on new character set
390 POKE 756,MEM

```

Listing 3

```

240 FOR J=1 TO 7:READ OFFSET:OFFSET=OF
FSET*8
250 FOR I=0 TO 7:READ A:POKE RAMSTART+
I+OFFSET,A:NEXT I:NEXT J
260 REM comma,semicolon,g,i,p,q,y
280 DATA 12,0,0,0,0,0,24,24,40
290 DATA 27,0,0,24,24,0,24,24,40
300 DATA 103,102,60,0,62,102,102,62,6
310 DATA 106,6,60,0,0,31,6,6,6
320 DATA 112,96,240,0,124,102,102,124,
96
330 DATA 113,6,15,0,62,102,102,62,6
340 DATA 121,24,40,0,102,102,102,62,12

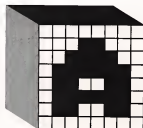
```

Listing 4

```

240 FOR J=1 TO 10:READ OFFSET:OFFSET=0
FFSET*8
270 REM CTRL-,CTRL-,Shift-=
350 DATA 96,40,126,0,0,60,102,12,24
360 DATA 123,102,60,0,0,126,12,24,12
370 DATA 124,126,12,0,0,12,20,60,100

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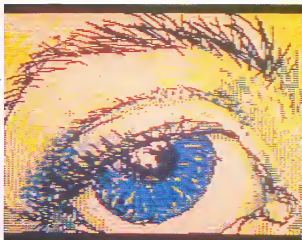
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GRAPHIC TABLETS



BROOKESE by Kyle Bogertman
Atari Touch Tablet w/ Micro Illustrator
(Atari Artist)

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ntil recently, most graphics programs for the Atari used the joystick for drawing on the screen. Now, Atari owners can choose between three touch tablets. Touch tablets have flat pressure-sensitive surfaces. When you draw on these with a stylus, your movements are registered on the screen.

Two of these, the KoalaPad and the Atari Touch Tablet, are similar. The third, the PowerPad, works on a different principle and is much larger.





ATARI TOUCH TABLET

The Atari Touch Tablet, (\$89.95 — all prices in this survey are suggested retail) measures 9 3/8 inches wide by 7 3/4 inches high by about 1 inch thick, the size of an average hardcover book. The drawing surface is 6 1/2 inches wide by 5 inches high — about the same height-width ratio as the standard Atari graphics screen. A cable permanently attached to the back connects the touch tablet to joystick Port One, and there is a jack in the rear for plugging in the accompanying stylus. The Atari tablet's stylus is the only one that has a button built in, which is a real convenience. There are also two buttons on the tablet, located on either side of the drawing surface. All three buttons select options from the drawing program. The tablet comes with the Atari Artist drawing program on a cartridge. Atari Artist is the same program as Micro Illustrator, which is discussed below.



KOALAPAD TOUCH TABLET

The KoalaPad (Koala Technologies, \$125), which was designed to be used by a number of different computers, is similar to the Atari tablet. It's noticeably smaller though, measuring 6 3/8 inches wide, 8 inches high, and the thickness tapers from 1 3/4 inches at the rear down to 1/4 inches square. The tablet can be held comfortably by an adult in one hand, leaving the other available for drawing. A cable at the rear connects to the joystick port. There's no place to connect or store the stylus, though, so

it could easily get lost. The KoalaPad comes with the Micro Illustrator drawing program on diskette. Also available from Koala are several software packages for the tablet, including Spider Eater, a musical educational game, and Coloring Series 1, an electronic "coloring book" of geometric patterns.

POWER PAD

The PowerPad is covered fully in a separate review adjoining this survey. No software accompanies the PowerPad, but several programs, including Micro Illustrator, are available for use with it.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

All three touch tablets use a version of Micro Illustrator, an excellent drawing program. Functional differences among the tablets when using Micro Illustrator are minimal. You can draw with your finger, but most people prefer using the stylus. If you only intend to use Micro Illustrator with your tablet, the choice narrows down to deciding which size tablet is most comfortable for you (and possibly your children).

If you want to do more with a touch tablet, however, other criteria come into play. Touch tablets can, for example, be used as controllers, similar to joysticks and paddles. The PowerPad is particularly well-suited for use as an alternative to the keyboard for children because it can sense multiple contacts on its surface. The other two can sense only one contact at a time. Thus, if you touch one point on the KoalaPad or the Atari tablet, then while holding the first, touch another, the second contact won't register. The PowerPad can sense simultaneous contacts, and can, for example, be used as a piano keyboard. Indeed,

PowerPad's manufacturer, Chalk Board, markets such a package, called Micro Maestro.

Also available for the PowerPad is the Programming Kit for BASIC. If you want to write a program that uses PowerPad as a controller, this package should tell you all you need to know. The KoalaPad documentation contains minimal information on programming for the touch tablet, but you can buy a book called the *KoalaPad Touch Tablet Programmer's Guide* for further information. The Atari Touch Tablet documentation describes only how to use the tablet in conjunction with the accompanying graphics program.

The drawing surfaces differ slightly from pad to pad. The KoalaPad's surface is a small square of finely-textured hard black plastic. It's smooth enough to draw quickly on, yet provides enough friction for slower detail work, and appears to be quite durable.

The Atari Touch Tablet's drawing surface is a sheet of thin, shiny black plastic, covered by a removable sheet of transparent plastic. Atari recommends that you leave the plastic overlay in to avoid damaging the actual surface. The overlay can also be used to hold down drawings for tracing. The pad is just a bit too large and heavy to hand hold comfortably; it should be placed on your lap, a desktop or tabletop.

The PowerPad is much larger than the other two. You can't hold it in your hands, a smaller children may have a hard time holding it in their laps. The drawing surface is a permanently attached thin sheet of plastic. However, all software for the PowerPad comes with special overlays that customize the tablet for each application.



POWER PAD

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Reviewed by David Plotkin

The **PowerPad** is Chalkboard's new graphics tablet. With its combination of features, reasonable price, friendly support, and wide range of software, it would be an excellent addition to your hardware.

The first thing you notice about the **PowerPad** is that it's big: it measures 17 inches by 14 inches, with a drawing surface 12 inches square. It is easier to draw on than the smaller surfaces of other tablets.

The **PowerPad** uses 14,400 tiny digital switches to read where pressure is applied to the pad. There are 10×10 per inch. Unlike the surfaces of other pads, the **PowerPad** has no problem resolving simultaneous multiple inputs. This ability allows the **PowerPad** to be used as much more than just a graphics tablet: it becomes a flexible input device.

If you've done a little arithmetic, you may be wondering about the **PowerPad**'s resolution. Ten switches per inch by 12 inches equals 120 points, or pixels — not even as high resolutions as **Graphics 7!** However, it's possible to design a program using the Atari's highest-resolution screen, by "software stretching" of the resolution.

The version of **Micro Illustrator** (\$49.45) for the **PowerPad** has a special feature called "Scale" that uses "software stretching" to let you draw pixel by pixel, even though the tablet's resolution isn't as high as **Micro Illustrator**'s.

Hardware isn't of much use without software, but the **PowerPad** doesn't come with any. However, Chalkboard offers several programs in cartridges requiring 32K of RAM.

Leo's **Lectric Paintbrush** (\$29.95) is a drawing program for children. They can paint in medium resolution, and use special commands like **MOVE** and **FILL**.

The program is easy to use, but is limited to a few of the Atari's colors, and lacks advanced features. You can save and load pictures with a disk drive.

Micro Maestro (\$29.95) is a piano keyboard overlay program for the **PowerPad**. This is *fun*. The overlay also shows a musical staff, and you can play notes by pressing on either the staff or the piano keys. When you play a note, its letter name, key location, and staff position are shown on the screen, giving the program strong educational value. You can play four-note chords, and record and play back your songs. Sounds pretty good!

The **Programmers Kit** (\$24.95) provides extensive technical information about the **PowerPad**. The manual tells you how to read **PowerPad**'s switches, with demonstrations, utility routines in BASIC and machine language, and a technical discussion of the pad's operation. This lets you design your own programs, or adapt existing programs for use with the tablet.

A fifth program, **Logic Games** (\$39.95), involves matching symbols and numbers. Also available is **Bearjam** (\$39.95), an educational game that's supposed to help prepare children for reading. (We will review these in future issues).

Chalkboard has a toll-free number for answering customers' questions, and when I called, they were friendly and helpful. The company has plans to release more software for the tablet, possibly including powerful graphics utilities. I highly recommend the **PowerPad** to all budding computer artists of any age, and especially to families with children. It's easy and fun for kids to use — and too big to ever lose!

MICRO ILLUSTRATOR

There is a version of **Micro Illustrator** for all three tablets, (there is no single manufacturer or price for the various versions of **Micro Illustrator**).

This graphics program lets you draw in **Graphics 7 1/2**, the Atari's highest-resolution four-color mode, the same mode used by **Micro Painter** (Datasoft). **Micro Illustrator** uses an icon menu, in which all the program's different functions are depicted graphically. The program's different modes include **Draw** (doodle), **Point** (control single pixels), and **Line**, (draw straight lines). You can also draw boxes and circles (outlined or filled), and create a sunburst effect with the "rays" function. You can draw with "mirroring," magnify your drawing for fine detail work, fill areas with colors and patterns, and save and load images from disk. You can change color, size and shape of your "brush," and you can create a magical "rolling rainbow" effect. When combined with a touch tablet's ease of use, **Micro Illustrator** makes creative graphic expression with a computer as natural as taking a bath.

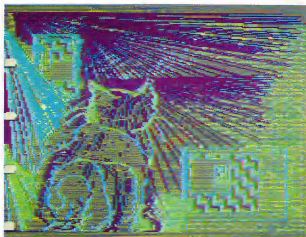
Micro Illustrator uses a compressed format for file storage that's incompatible with other drawing programs. *But you can also use the "standard" Micro Painter format.* If, when the picture is displayed, you press **[INSERT]** on your computer keyboard, **Micro Illustrator** saves the picture as a file named "PICTURE." If you have a disk in drive 1 containing a standard-format file named "PICTURE," and you press **[CLEAR]**, **Micro Illustrator** will load and display that file.

TOUCH TABLET LOADER

New from Atari Customer Service as a **FREE** listing booklet is John Clark's very useful utility program, **Touch Tablet Loader**. This lets you insert into your own programs any picture made with the touch tablets and software previously mentioned, as well as compatible products. You can also learn how to write programs that enable you to use your touch tablet as a controller.

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LIGHT PENS



RAINCAT by Patricia Foster
Atari Light Pen with AtariGraphics



A light pen is a type of pointing de-

vice for computers. Despite its name, the light pen does not produce light, but contains a light-sensitive cell at its tip to detect the presence or absence of light. A light pen also can convey its position on a screen to the computer.

In graphics applications, light pens are used to draw directly on the monitor screen. There is no abstraction between the drawing process and the production of the drawing; it's more

STEVE GIBSON: CREATOR OF ATARIGRAPHICS

Story behind the powerful new light pen software

by NAT FRIEDLAND, Antic Editor

Steve Gibson, the president and main resource of Gibson Laboratories in Irvine, California said he'd been up till 6 a.m. working on his next light pen software package. Possibly he felt he needed to burn the sunrise oil to come up with something as good as his brand-new AtariGraphics cartridge software—which now comes bundled with the Atari Light Pen.

Gibson's AtariGraphics is described in detail in the survey of computer-art tools featured in this issue. The bottom line is that this light pen software is a computer graphics classic on the level of Micro Illustrator or Micro-Painter. For ease of use and variety of elaborate color patterns built-in, AtariGraphics ranks at the very top. It also has valuable unique features, such as enabling you to "fill over" existing patterns inside shapes you've already set up in your picture. Even the Macintosh won't do this.

Known as the light pen programmer par excellence, Steve Gibson first became an industry star with his Apple Computer light pen software.

A JOY TO WORK WITH

"The Atari computer was a joy to work with, compared to the Apple," said Gibson. "The Apple is full of what I call 'Wozni-isms.' That's all the crazy and weird things Steve Wozniak did in order to squeeze color into his early machines. The even bits and odd bits stand for different colors, every seventh bit is keyed to a color family. Working with this stuff is a horrible nightmare."

He discovered other not-widely-known advantages in doing professional programming with the Atari. "The good news is that Atari has absolutely phenomenal documentation on hand. You can get virtually a 100 percent accurate

map of memory locations or ANTIC chip display list functions in the manufacturer's hardware manuals. It pinpoints what you need to do to make precise color changes at precise scan lines.

"It's also not too shabby to have Atari's palette of 128 colors to select from," he added.

Gibson used the Atari's hardware capabilities to suggest some of the new features he could incorporate into his emerging software design.

"I get excited by the graphics potential of microcomputers," he said. "But eventually I realized that what really turns me on is coming up with unique and powerful user interfaces—ways to make it easier than ever for people to get more out of their computers."

One of the AtariGraphics interfaces he's most pleased with is the sliding menu "index cards." He said, "The illusion of the familiar is a powerful trick for getting people into easily operating the software."

NO KEYBOARD COMMANDS

"What I set out to do in AtariGraphics was a light pen tour de force," said Gibson. "I wanted to make a graphics program with absolutely NO keyboard commands."

As a result, the Atari keyboard is always in text mode. What this means is you can enter text anywhere on the screen, simply by pointing to a position with your light pen and starting to type.

Possibly the most unique interface in AtariGraphics is the light-pen "eraser emulation" Gibson created. "I've never seen anything else like it," he said. "Since I wanted to avoid any keyboard commands, I was very pleased when I realized that the Atari would allow programming of a 'cancel' interpretation just by shaking the light pen from side

to side over the screen area you want to erase."

As befits a light pen specialist, Gibson has faint praise for the highly popular touch tablets. "Touch tablets can't be beaten for accurate tracing of illustrations," he said. "But I still think light pens are unbeatable as a direct graphics interface device, as well as for making icon menu selections effortlessly."

THE VIDEO EASEL

Gibson seems to have a very strong vision of future artists sitting on stools in front of easels, making light pen strokes on video monitors positioned where their blank canvases used to be.

The programming of AtariGraphics took him only three months of entering code—following a month of nothing but planning and research. He is now committed, through a contract with Koala, to program light pens for one or perhaps two other popular computers. "After Atari, I'm finding myself a little burnt out with new graphics projects," he said. "I mean, how many lines of rubber banding code can you write?"

Gibson was raised just north of Silicon Valley in San Mateo. He dropped out of the University of California at Berkeley after 18 months and started working for high tech start-up companies.

He financed the start of Gibson Laboratories by doing several years of consulting for medical electronics companies in Southern California. He designed and programmed 3-D medical graphics displays that were widely used in cardiology.

What the future holds for Steve Gibson (as soon as he finishes his light pen commitments) is an exploration of creating more active user interfaces for computer telecommunications. "I don't see why your home computer has to function like a dumb terminal when you're on line with a bulletin board or a telecommunications information service," he said. "I think that at the very least, you should be able to store your menus in advance and flash them up on-screen to work right along with the remote computer, instead of waiting for all the time-consuming scrolling through every option."

LIGHT PENS

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flexible than drawing on a physical surface. However, because most monitor screens are vertical, drawing requires an unnatural position. Also, prolonged proximity to a color TV screen, which may be a common circumstance with light pens used in the home, may cause discomfort or health problems.

ATARI LIGHT PEN WITH ATARIGRAPHICS

Most light pens are physically similar to one another. The Atari Light Pen (\$99.95) is a good example. Made of smooth black plastic, it's about the size and shape of a ballpoint pen. It contains an on/off switch activated by pushing the pen's tip against a flat surface.

What's special about this pen is the software. Steve Gibson's AtariGraphics cartridge software is a stunning realization of the Atari computer's graphic capabilities. The program's four pop-up icon menus let you choose drawing mode (box, circle, line, and parallelogram), color, mirroring (vertically, horizontally, and four-way), and pattern fill, among others. You can choose from 2,880 patterns and you can fill any pattern over with another pattern, something most other graphics programs won't let you do. You can also do unique "smear" effects and erase directly on the screen.

AtariGraphics is easily the most impressive drawing program we've seen at Antic in recent memory. (See the interview with Steve Gibson in this issue.) AtariGraphics works in as little as 16K RAM and can use cassette or disk for file storage. AtariGraphics files are incompatible with other drawing programs.

EDUMATE LIGHT PEN

The Edumate Light Pen (Futurehouse, \$34.95), is the simplest light pen covered here, because it lacks a built-in switch. You activate this pen by pressing the [START] key on the computer console. Made of red plastic, the light pen resembles a Bic ballpoint attached to a coiled cord. The Edumate pen's main advantage is price: at \$34.95 list, it's the least expensive hardware/software package in this survey. The pen comes with a disk containing six programs. Peripheral Vision (\$39.95 or

\$59.95 with light pen) is Futurehouse's new graphics program for their Edumate light pen. The program was still under development when this survey was completed, so we were only able to review a preliminary version.

Unlike any other graphics utility in the survey, Peripheral Vision uses a GTIA mode, Graphics 11. This gives you 16 colors of the same brightness in a screen whose resolution is 80 pixels horizontally by about 168 vertically. A strip at the screen's bottom displays an icon menu, and your selection of colors is arrayed across the top of the screen.

The icon menu's Fill feature resembles a water tap flowing into a bucket, and Zoom looks like a microscope. You can save and load pictures with a disk drive. And there's a feature to let you print out your creations directly, which wasn't ready for testing yet. You can doodle, or draw single lines, consecutive lines, triangles, circles, and rectangles. Use the keyboard to place text anywhere in the picture.

Other functions let you move or copy parts of a picture to another part, fill enclosed areas with solid colors or a limited palette of textures, and draw with mirroring. The documentation describes how to use pictures made with Peripheral Vision in your own programs.

The tradeoff with this program is that you can use more colors than with most others, but the resolution is lower. Actually, the vertical resolution is high, but with only 80 pixels across the screen's width, this mode's pixels have an odd shape — wide and flat. Nevertheless, you can draw in this mode creatively.

Futurehouse also makes a line of educational software that includes titles such as Alphabet Construction Set (learn to draw letters of the alphabet), Computer Crayons (an electronic coloring book), and Little Red Riding Hood, a computerized story book for young children.

TECH-SKETCH LIGHT PEN

The Tech-Sketch pen is available in two versions: the \$39.95 version includes some BASIC programs on disk, and the \$69.95 version comes with Micro Illustrator. The pen is composed of plastic and metal, and appears sturdier than

other pens. There's a small white button to activate the pen located in the shaft's side near the tip. The pen is easier to use than the Edumate, but not as easy as the Atari Light Pen.

MCPEN

McPen (Madison Computer, \$49) is the newest light pen for Ataris, and is the largest pen in this survey. The pen itself is made of sturdy beige plastic and has a rather wide barrel. It plugs into a control panel with a coiled cord. The control panel, which measures 5 inches square by 1 1/2 inches high, has a dial for sensitivity and a red LED, and a receptacle for the pen. Installation instructions for the pen and panel are included on a label attached to the bottom of the panel — a considerable feature.

McPen doesn't have a built-in switch. Accompanying software uses the space bar to turn the pen on and off. Included with the pen is a disk containing four BASIC programs: Tic Tac Toe; QB graphics, a limited drawing program; a menu program; and Ballon, a Player's Missile graphics demonstration. Madison Computer also offers additional software for the pen — titles so far are "McPen Learning Series" and "Coloring Book," with more to come. Antic didn't have the opportunity to review these packages yet.

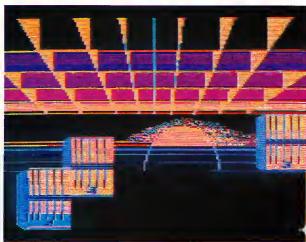
We did, however, try McPen with programs for other light pens, including Tech-Sketch's version of Micro Illustrator and the AtariGraphics cartridge. Unfortunately, the pen didn't work very well with either program. This is the only instance of a light pen being incompatible with software from other companies.

SUMMARY

Although the light pens covered in this survey are more similar than different, the accompanying software varies significantly. If you choose to buy a light pen, be guided by the level of sophistication you require in a drawing program. Try to get a demonstration of the pen and program. Also, keep in mind that software manufactured for use with a certain light pen works equally well with most other light pens, with the exception of McPen.

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GRAPHIC JOYSTICK SOFTWARE



FINAL 7 by Linda Tepscoff
Fun With Art

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efore the introduction of the KoalaPad, most graphics software for the Atari used the joystick for drawing. Many of these programs are still available. Drawing with a joystick is somewhat awkward, but you can achieve impressive results with practice. We'll cover the major joystick graphics programs in approximate order of the date of release.

MICROPAINTER

This is the granddaddy of graphics programs for the Atari. When *Antic* had a cover art contest for readers in 1983, 90% of the entries were with this program. Micro-Painter (Datasoft, \$34.95) lets you doodle, draw lines, and fill areas with limited patterns in Atari's high-resolution four-color mode. Graphics 7 1/2. Micro-Painter's storage format for picture files has come to represent a standard for Atari graphics files. Almost all printer dump programs for Atari, including Micro Illustrator, will work with this file storage format.

GRAPHICS MASTER

Graphics Master (Datasoft, \$34.95) is described by its makers as a tool for creating, manipulating, and editing images for graphic layouts and designs. You can use the joystick to draw, or you can have the program draw shapes for you, including lines, circles, and polygons of three to nine sides.

You can create a window that picks up images, manipulates them (you can "rotate" an image in the window 90 degrees) and relocates them on the screen. The contents of the window can be laid over or under an existing image, for special effects. You can flip between two drawing screens, transfer images between the two, add text, and zoom in for fine detail work.

Graphics Master uses Graphics 8, the Atari's one-color high-resolution mode. But you can add color by "artifactualizing," an effect that's explained well in the documentation. There is also a program that lets you use images from other programs with Graphics Master, and vice-versa. Although they use different graphics modes, you can transfer images between Graphics Master and Micro-Painter. Graphics Master is the only tool in this survey that includes a printer dump for its images.

PAIN

Originally from Reston Publishing and now marketing by Atari, Paint (\$39.95) is a remarkably versatile drawing program. There's a simplified version that's well suited for young children, but SuperPaint is the program's showpiece. A row of "pots" along the bottom of the screen lets you paint with any of four

colors and six patterns. You can change the colors and the patterns, and you have hundreds from which to choose. All commands are explained with a help feature. You can also "zoom" in for magnified detail work. Paint uses Graphics 7, a medium-resolution four-color mode. One of Paint's nicest features is the accompanying 147-page book, of which approximately two-thirds is an interesting discussion of computers, art, and computer graphics. Paint is available only on disk, and files from Paint are not compatible with other programs. (See review of Paint in *Antic*, January 1984.)

PM ANIMATOR

Player/Missile graphics is a special feature of the Atari that lets you move several objects about the screen display without disturbing the background. PM Animator (Tronix, \$44.95) lets you create animation sequences for use in your own BASIC programs. The documentation is extensive enough so that someone with no knowledge of P/M graphics programming can use the software with little difficulty. Player/Missile graphics are technically not related to the graphics discussed in the rest of this survey, so it's no surprise that files from this program can't be used by other programs. (See review of PM Animator in *Antic*, July, 1983).

MOVIE MAKER

Movie Maker (Reston, \$60) is a computerized animation studio. You can create "movies" up to 300 frames and then add music and sound. It's similar to PM Animator in that you're drawing objects, combining them in sequences and moving the animated objects about the screen. However, Movie Maker is entirely self-contained, you can't use the animations in your own program. Also, Movie Maker doesn't use P/M graphics; all images are drawn in Graphics 7. (See review of Movie Maker in *Antic*, April 1984).

FUN WITH ART

Fun With Art is a joystick drawing program with many bells and whistles. It uses 7 1/2, as does Micro-Painter, but that's where the similarity ends. First, you can easily change any or all colors

at every other scan line (a scan line is a thin horizontal line on your video screen). Because two scan lines are drawn every 1/60th of a second and go together to form the screen image, it is a simple matter to use all 128 of Atari's colors in one picture.

Also, you can load two pictures and transfer parts between them. You can move parts of one picture around. Fun With Art is a cartridge requiring 32K RAM; it can store pictures on disk or cassette. Files from Fun With Art are not compatible with other programs. However, the documentation does describe how to use the pictures in your own programs. (See review in *Antic*, February, 1984).

SCREEN MAKER

This is a tool for programmers who wish to create impressive graphics for games or other applications, but who have yet to delve into the mysteries of the display list, a mini-program used by the ANTIC chip in the Atari to display information on screen. Atari has several different graphics modes, most of which cannot be displayed simultaneously, or mixed on the screen. This can be a problem if you want to display text and graphics together. Screen Maker (Atari Learning Systems, \$34.95) lets you custom design a screen, combining as many as 15 different graphics modes, and then writes a subroutine that creates the screen. You can then use this subroutine in your own program. (See review in *Antic*, March 1984).

PLAYER MAKER

Described as a companion utility to Screen Maker, Player Maker (Atari Learning Systems, \$34.95) lets you design images to be used with Player/Missile graphics. You use a joystick to "sculpt" a player, pixel by pixel. You can create up to four players, and combine pairs for more detailed three-color players. Once you've drawn the players, the software writes a subroutine for use in your own program. There is no provision for animation of players.

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GRAPHICS MAGICIAN

Graphics Magician (Penguin, \$39.95), recently converted for the Atari, has been popular on Apple computers for some time. It's an ideal tool for those who need to store a lot of graphic information in a minimum of disk space. Possible applications include graphics adventures and educational programs that use visual material. The program lets you use the joystick to draw four colors in Graphics 7 1/2. You can doodle, draw lines, and fill areas with one of a wide selection of textures. You can also change the size and shape of your "brush," change the basic colors at will, and add text. On-line help is available if you get confused.

It's common in graphics adventures to have "objects" that appear and disappear from the screen while background remains intact, possibly as a result of being picked up or dropped by the adventurer. Graphics Magician lets you draw these "objects" and store them as separate files. Extensive instructions for using Graphics Magician files in your own programs are included. **Antic** will review this excellent product in the near future.

VISUALIZER

Maximus's new "graphics management system" is called Visualizer (\$49.95).

Subtitled "electronic slide creator/projector," the program's functions are divided into two parts: creating "slides" and showing them. For the game-oriented, there's also a jigsaw game that scrambles your picture, then lets you use the joystick to move the pieces to their proper positions. A printout feature lets you produce a permanent copy of your pictures with Epson and C. Itoh-type printers.

To create slides, you use a joystick to draw in Graphics 7, Atari's medium-resolution four-color mode. You can doodle with brushes of different sizes or automatically create circles, ovals, rectangles, and straight lines. Fill enclosed areas with solids or patterns (made by combining two colors), and add text. The program comes with three fancy "fonts," or character sets, to spiff up text in the picture, and you can mix style options for a total of 24 different styles in each font. You can design your own font too. You can save and load slides with a disk drive, and a special feature lets you combine two slides by "merging" them for experimentation and special effects.

There are some fairly simple animation effects. One-color, two-color, and three-color switching involve changing the contents of the three color registers used for drawing shapes and lines. There are three different ways to add the

by-now-familiar Atari moving rainbow effect to your pictures.

The slide show part of the program is almost as powerful as the drawing part. You can select an assortment of slides and arrange them into any order. There's an auto timer routine to advance the slides automatically. If you have an Atari 410 or 1010 program recorder, you can add a synchronized narrative soundtrack! (You will also need a stereo cassette recorder or deck and a data cable for connecting the recorder to the computer.) The program comes with a sample narrated slide show that describes Visualizer.

The documentation is more complete than that for most such programs. There are suggestions for creating better slides, and a list of interesting projects for parents and children. There are detailed instructions for setting up a system to record synchronized narrative tapes. Programmers will learn how to use the pictures in their own program. If you don't mind the medium resolution of Graphics 7, you'll find this to be a powerful and versatile package.



GREEN VASE by Marni Tapscott
Paint

AND MORE

ATARI 1020 COLOR PRINTER

The Atari 1020 Color Printer (\$299) is actually a plotter. It uses four pens to draw on a 4 1/2-inch wide strip of paper. Plotters have been around for some time, but this is the first plotter that works directly with Atari computers.

A color plotter is an enormously versatile graphics tool. You can make four-color screen dumps (graphics printouts) of pictures drawn with most graphics programs. You can also write programs to control the plotter directly. A couple of samples are included with the 1020 documentation.

Text can be printed in four colors, in four directions (forward and backward, vertically and horizontally), and in different sizes. You can even print text in 80 columns—the characters are tiny, but well-formed and quite legible.

The 1020 documentation provides adequate information for programming the plotter. Commands are presented in BASIC syntax, but it's easy to convert these to other languages. Among the graphics functions are commands to return the pen to HOME position, change pen color, draw from coordinates 0,0 to any X-Y position, initialize (call the current pen position 0,0), and relative draw (a combination of the last two). There's also move and relative move, for changing the pen's position without drawing. And you can command the plotter to set up X and/or Y axes for graphing.

SCREEN PRINT SOFTWARE

Screen Print Software is the new program from Atari that does color screen dumps to the Atari 1020 plotter. You can

get full-color printouts of your creations from AtariGraphics, AtariArtist, MicroIllustrator, MicroPainter, Paint, or any other program that uses Graphics 7, 7 1/2, or 8. Atari started packing Screen Print Software with all 1020 Plotters shipped as of July, 1984. If you've bought a plotter that didn't include this software, you can obtain it for a minimal fee (not determined at this writing) by writing to Atari Customer Support, which is listed at the end of this survey.

SUMMING UP

As you can see, graphics tools for Atari computers are many and varied. How to choose? Well, we hope that the information in this survey will help you get started. If you'd like to see how a program works, but can't get an in-store demonstration, consider visiting (or joining, or starting) a local users group. You'll probably find someone who owns the product you're interested in. And don't forget — Antic is always looking for dynamite images for our Microscreens section, and we pay cash!

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SYNOPSIS

This program lets you change all four colors on every scan line in pictures drawn with most graphics programs that use Mode E, Atari's high-resolution four-color mode. It works on all Atari computers, but requires a disk drive. Antic Disk Subscribers: Remove BASIC. From DOS, Type I [RETURN] then type PAINTER.EXE.

STEP 2: COLORING

Plug a joystick into Port 1. Press the fire button while pushing forward or backward on the stick to position the arrows on either side of the screen. Release the button and move the joystick from side to side to select the color, move forward and backward to change a color's intensity. Note that you're in point mode (see the line at the top of the screen); this means that you will color one line at a time.

If you have trouble seeing the thin horizontal line's color, look at the top of the screen to see the color changes is a wider area. If you want to color larger areas, press [ESC], then [SELECT] to switch to brush mode, and push the stick forward and backward to paint large areas with the currently selected color. Press [ESC], then [SELECT] again to return to point mode.

You've been painting with tools like your KoalaPad or Micro-Painter for some time now, and you've pushed the programs to the limit. You're tired of having only four colors available! What can you do?

Fortunately, here's Philip Price's Color Picture Painter, a program allowing you to systematically replace all four colors in each scan line of your pictures—with any of the 128 colors available on the Atari. (Scan lines are the horizontal lines traced by the electron beam of your picture tube. Each scan line represents a fraction of a picture you have created on your Atari.)

Price's Painter loads an uncompressed Mode E file, (called Mode 7 1/2 on older 400s and 800s or Graphics Mode 15 on the XL computers), and then allows you to choose from 16 colors and eight degrees of brightness for each of the four colors used in the original drawing. You use the joystick to color one scan line at a time, or to color entire vertical bands at once.

When you are finished the painter stores the original picture and the four color "pots" that you've created. The five files are separate, and are combined only when you run the painter program.

Price's painter works with files created by Micro-Painter, and Micro Illustrator, (available with the KoalaPad, Atari's Touch Tablet, Tech Sketch's Lightpen and Chalkboard's PowerPad). Incidentally, if you are using the Touch Tablet, you will need to save your initial file in the uncompressed 62 sector mode by hitting the [INSERT] key while the picture is on your monitor. The file will be named "PICTURE," and you will need to go into DOS and rename the file

"FILENAME.PIC".

It's easy to get started coloring...

STEP 1: STARTING

Painter is a machine language program that's produced by the BASIC program accompanying this article. Type in the listing, and SAVE an extra backup copy. Next, RUN this program. The screen will go dark for several minutes so the computer can read the data faster. If you made a typing error, the program will stop and display the number of a line you need to retype correctly—so TYPO isn't needed. When the screen turns blue again, press [RETURN] to write the machine language program named PAINTER.EXE to disk.

Remove your BASIC cartridge (XL owners press [OPTION] while booting DOS) before using Painter. Load PAINTER.EXE from DOS with menu option 1. If you wish to have the program load automatically upon booting, use DOS menu option E to rename the file to AUTORUN.SYS, and make sure DOS.SYS exists on the disk.

When painter starts, you will be asked which file to load. The file disk must be in drive 1, and the filename extender must be .PIC. Don't use backspace or cursor controls, since the program will only accept a maximum of eight keystrokes before going to the graphics screen. Use DOS to rename files if necessary. Type in the name of the file you had previously created with, say, Micro-Painter. After the picture loads, you'll see it on screen with the default colors, the colors used in your original drawing. If you didn't use all four colors when making your original, some pots will be black, but they can be colored with Painter.

STEP 3: BACKGROUND AND FOREGROUND

You have a palette of four pots, based on the four colors of your original file. The palette is the field of colors in a given pot, without the structured picture. To change the pot whose colors you're modifying, press [SELECT]. To switch back and forth between the picture and the palette, press [OPTION].

You can review the colors you're using without seeing the picture by switching to the palette, then using [SELECT] to move through the four pots.

STEP 4: SAVING

Press the [START] key to save the pots, but not the picture file. According to Philip Price, the program occasionally locks up when you press [START], necessitating rebooting. The program saves four files representing the four pots. Checking your disk directory, you'll see them called FILENAME.P0, .P1, .P2, and .P3, with FILENAME

replaced by the filename you originally typed in. If you have the original file and the four pots on the same disk, and don't change any filenames, the next time you load the picture into Painter, the four pots will also be loaded.

If you wish to work on a different picture, you must reload the entire program and start again from the beginning.

*Philip Price taught himself programming while serving at sea with the US Navy. He took his discharge in Hawaii and worked near Hilo as a computer technician. Now he's teamed with Gary Gilbertson and their major new graphics adventure game, *The Alternate Reality Series* is due for release by Marsten Systems this fall.*

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(graphics program)

Penguin Software
890 4th Ave
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diskette — 48K — \$39.95

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(game)

Strategic Simulations, Inc.
883 Suterlin Rd., Bldg. A-200
Mountain View, CA 94043
(415) 964-1353
diskette — 40K — \$39.95

As the commander of a B-17, you must deftly maneuver your way through fifty life-threatening raids over France and Germany. It is your responsibility to hand-pick your crew, determine your plane's bombfuel ratio, and select the cruising altitude. After each mission, you will be evaluated and awarded points by the computer, on the basis of various criteria. Survive all fifty missions and make it to Brigadier General, and SSI will honor you with a Certificate of Achievement.

PHYSICS EXAMPLES I

(educational program)

Conduit
The University of Iowa
Oakdale Campus
Iowa City, IA 52242
(319) 353-5789
diskette — 48K — \$60.00
additional user's notes — \$3.00
additional copy of software — \$10.00

For secondary and college levels, this package of four programs covers topics in introductory mechanics and is suitable for individual student use or classroom demonstration. Each program simulates an experiment and allows students to vary parameters to see how they affect the results. The 37 pages of User's Notes included in the package introduce the concepts simulated in each program and provide students with a series of exercises. This program is made only for the Atari 800.

COMPUTER TITLEBOUT

(game)

Microcomputer Games, Inc.
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If you're a professional boxing fan who wants to test the "Raging Bull" within, Computer Titlebout will give you the opportunity to slug it out with the best. This game contains in-depth statistics on over 300 famous fighters, past and present, and allows you to either recreate their own well-known bouts or dream up some matches that should have happened, but never did.

SKYWRITER

(educational program)

Atari, Inc.
1265 Borregas Ave.
PO Box 427
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
(408) 745-2000
cartridge — 16K — \$39.95

Young people, ages 6-14, can improve their word-comprehension skills and increase their vocabulary by playing Skywriter, just one of the games in the new Atari Learning Software line. As word-filled clouds drift through the sky, a player must ensnare them with a plane and connect them to form compound words. A colorful city-scape screen, charming music, and plenty of challenges inspire learning, and, if level eight is mastered, the player receives a special award of merit.

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NUBASIC

(programming utility)
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Nubasic, compatible with the 400, 800, 600XL, and 800XL computers, is a 3K binary program which is co-resident with BASIC. It provides many new and useful direct-mode commands, and binary disk files can be loaded from BASIC (a function which is especially useful for loading short machine-language routines into page 6). Advantages are: low cost and memory requirement, no need for a right-cartridge slot, combination of function keys, and detailed documentation.

SUPER SKETCH

(graphics tablet)
Personal Peripherals Inc.
Merrick Park
930 North Beltline, Suite 120
Irving, TX 75061
(214) 790-1440
\$49.95



The graphics tablet, Super Sketch, allows users to easily create exciting computer graphics in color. By simply moving the stylus control as you would a pencil, Super Sketch will reproduce the movement on the screen. Brilliant colors can be "painted" in with the push of a button. The manufacturer claims that it is easier to use than keyboard controls, does more than joysticks, paddle and mouse controllers, and is less expensive than touch pad products. Its own software cartridge is included in the package.

FROM SCRATCH

(application program)
HomeSpan Software
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(516) 689-7163
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\$24.95

Sometimes it takes longer to find a recipe than to cook it. From Scratch!, the recipe-filing system, will organize your favorite dishes, as well as print out shopping lists for the necessary ingredients. Also, recipes can be quickly found for leftovers, and yield conversions can be made easily.

ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE TUTOR

(educational program)
Microlaser Software Inc.
Box F
Mendon, NY 14506
(716) 624-9318
\$49.95

Assembly Language Tutor, is designed to provide machine language programmers with well-documented, actual-working source code specifically for Atari computers. Learn how to do I/O, graphics, scrolling, display list interrupts, floating point, player/missiles, plot and draw, and much more. The tutorial also possesses a BASIC to Assembler conversion program which will convert most BASIC statements to Assembler source code. Two disks and documentation are included.

PARALLAX-AT

(printer interface)
Axom Corporation
1014 Griswold Ave.
San Fernando, CA 91340
(213) 365-9521
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EASY GRAPHIC CONVERTER

Mix and match graphics
from four popular products

by CHARLES JACKSON
Antic Staff Writer

Have you ever wished you could use Micro-Painter to create backgrounds and shapes for your Movie Maker files?

Are you looking for a graphics utility program that lets you draw with your lightpen and joystick and Koala Pad and Power Pad?

Have you ever wanted to use Fun With Art drawing functions with your Micro Illustrator pictures? If such possibilities arouse your curiosity and creativity, graphics conversion utilities are for you.

Graphics conversion programs modify your pictures files so they may be used with other drawing programs. Such a program, for example, might accept a Micro Illustrator picture file and use it to make a comparable Fun With Art picture file. This BASIC program converts picture files created by Micro Illustrator (Tech-Sketch, Chalkboard, and Koala), Micro-Painter (Datsoft), Movie Maker (Reston), and Fun With Art (Epyx).

SYNOPSIS

This program, which converts picture files between different drawing software products, requires BASIC, a disk drive, and a minimum of 32K RAM. It runs on all Atari computers. Antic disk subscribers RUN "D:CONVERT.BAS".

HOW TO USE THE GRAPHICS CONVERTER

Type in Graphics Converter, check it with TYPO, and SAVE an extra copy for backup.

The computer will prompt you for the type and name of your source file (the file you want to convert). Type in the correct number from the menu, [RETURN], then type the filename. Don't type [DJ:], just the filename. Next, the computer will ask you the same two questions about your output file (the file you're converting into).

When you've answered all four questions, the computer will spend between three and six minutes creating a converted file and storing it in disk memory. The program will NOT alter or erase your original picture file if you specify a name for the output file that's different from the input file. When the computer is through, it will print the name of the converted file on the screen.

Note that there are two ways to store and retrieve Micro Illustrator picture files: using its built-in STORAGE routines, and pressing the [CLEAR] and [INSERT] keys. When creating a Micro Illustrator picture for the converter, never use the menu's storage selection! To save such a picture properly in compatible standard mode, make sure your picture is on the screen, then press the [INSERT] key. Your drawing will be stored in a file called "PICTURE." To retrieve a picture saved this way, remove the menu from the screen and press the [CLEAR] key.

Pictures converted to Micro Illustrator
continued on next page

should always be given the filename "PICTURE."

HOW IT WORKS

The program uses a two-step conversion process. First, your original picture file is converted to Micro-Painter format (if it's not already in that form), and stored on the disk as a temporary file called "TEMP." Micro-Painter picture files are 7684 bytes long—7680 bytes outline the picture and four bytes define background and playfield colors. These "color" bytes are always the last four bytes in a Micro-Painter file. They don't exist in a Micro Illustrator file saved by pressing [INSERT], so in this case this program uses the default colors of red, green, blue, and black for the background.

Finally, the program converts the Micro-Painter file into a compatible output file, adds all appropriate file headers, footers and flags, and erases the temporary file.

MOVIE MAKER APPLICATIONS:

You can easily create colorful backgrounds for your Movie Maker animations with the aid of the converter. It is just as easy to create Movie Maker SHAPE files. Draw your shape with one of the above graphics programs and convert it to a Movie Maker BACKGROUND file. Boot the Movie Maker

disk and use Movie Maker's built-in editing functions to copy your shape from the BACKGROUND screen to the SHAPE screen.

First load the converted file as a Background. Go to Compose, then press [ESC] to see the background. Use [W] to form a window, and [B] and the joystick to enlarge the window to cover about one fifth of the screen. Don't make it bigger, or you won't be able to use the Duplicate function properly. Position the window, then press [D] to duplicate. Then press [ESC] to get back to the Shape screen, then press the joystick button to deposit the image in the same place. Press [ESC] again, press the space bar to clear the window, move the window to an adjacent section of the background, and continue in this fashion until you've moved the entire picture, or as much of it as you want to use on the Shape page. If you don't move the joystick when going from the background to the Shape page, you'll wind up with an exact duplicate of the background on the Shape page.

EXPANDING THE CONVERTER

Experienced programmers can expand this converter utility to accept many more types of picture files. After deciding what type of file you'd like to add, you must discover how that type of file is put together. Run DOS's COPY func-

tion to print the picture file to the screen, or use a disk utility to examine the composition of the file. Some important questions to keep in mind include: Does the file use a header, such as Fun With Art files? Does it use footers, like Micro-Painter files? How are color registers saved? Is your picture saved in full form, like Micro Illustrator files stored with the [INSERT] key? Is it saved in compacted form, like conventionally saved Micro Illustrator files?

Once you've figured out the file's structure, write a BASIC routine to change your file to Micro-Painter format, and a routine to change it back. Your routines should be similar to the routines you'll see in the converter program. When you're done, ENTER your routines on top of the converter program.

Now, compose three short routines to use the Micro Illustrator, Movie Maker and Fun With Art conversion routines, and add them to the converter. Model the two-line routines after the routine in lines 570-580. Finally, increase NUM by one at line 180 and add the starting line numbers of your new routine to the computed GOSUB at line 440.

The Graphics Converter unlocks the door to a wider spectrum of uses for your graphics software, and is an invaluable brush in any electronic paintbox.

```
10 REM GRAPHICS CONVERTER
20 REM BY CHARLES JACKSON
30 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
40 FOR N=78 TO 66 STEP -1:POKE 710,N:P
OKE 712,N:POKE 789,268-N:FOR Y=1 TO 14
: NEXT Y: NEXT N
50 DIM INIS(11),INIS(13),OUTS(11),OUTS
(13),HOLS(13),QS(1),COLREG(4)
60 ? "PS *** GRAPHICS CONVERTER ***"
: ?
70 POKE 710,66:POKE 712,66:POKE 789,28
2
80 ? "(1) Micro Illustrator"
90 ? " (Tech-Sketch, Keala, "
100 ? " Chalkboard)":?
110 ? "(2) Micro Painter"
120 ? " (Datasoft)":?
130 ? "(3) Moviemaker"
140 ? " (Reston)":?
150 ? "(4) Fun With Art"
160 ? " (Epyx)":?
170 REM NUM = Number of types
```

```
180 NUM=4:TIM=6
190 ? ":? "Type of source file (1-4) ":
: INPUT TY1:?
200 IF TY1>NUM THEN 190
210 ? " Filename ":INPUT IN$:?
220 INIS=" ":OUTIS=" "
230 INIS(1,2)="0":INIS(3,13)=INIS
240 ? "Type of desired file (1-4) ":I
NPUT TY2:?
250 IF TY2>NUM THEN 240
260 IF TY1<TY2 THEN 280
270 ? "*****NEECESSARY CONVERSION":FOR
0=1 TO 500:NEXT O:GOTO 60
280 IF TY2<<1 THEN 340
290 TIM=3.5
300 POKE 789,96:POKE 710,108:POKE 712,
108:? "*****Micro Illustrator files
must be named 'PICTURE'"
310 ? ":? "Press 'Y' to name the output
file.:INPUT QS
320 IF QS<>"Y" THEN 60
```

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330 OUTS="PICTURE":L=7:POKE 710,66:POKE
E 712,66:POKE 709,202:GOTO 360
340 ? "      Destination filename"? "
      (No ext.)":INPUT OUTS:L=LEN(OUTS
):?
350 IF TYP2=3 AND L>7 THEN 340
360 OUTS(1,2)="D:":OUTS(3,L+2)=OUTS
370 IF TYP2<=3 THEN 390
380 OUTS(L+3,L+6)=".BK6":GOTO 390
390 TYPE=NUM+TYP1+TYP2
400 ? " Please stand by . . ."
410 ? :? "(Approximate conversion"
420 ? " time: ":TIM:" minutes)"
430 REM BRANCH TO CONVERSION ROUTINES
440 ON (TYPE-(NUM+1)) GOSUB 510,560,59
0,720,0,620,1100,860,770,0,090,1040,92
0,1070
450 ? " Still working . . ."
460 IF (TYP1=2) OR (TYP2=2) THEN 1350
470 REM DELETE TEMP. FILE
480 OPEN #3,12,0,"D:TEMP"
490 XID 33,3,0,0,"D:TEMP":CLOSE #3
500 GOTO 1350
510 REM Micro Illustrator to Micro Pai
nter
520 OPEN #1,4,0,INIS:OPEN #2,8,0,OUTIS
530 FOR X=1 TO 7680:GET #1,M:PUT #2,M:
NEXT X
540 PUT #2,12:PUT #2,40:PUT #2,202:PUT
#2,150
550 CLOSE #1:CLOSE #2:RETURN
560 REM Micro Illustrator to Movie Mak
er
570 HOLDS=OUTIS:OUTIS="D:TEMP":GOSUB 5
10
580 INIS=OUTIS:OUTIS=HOLDS:GOTO 620
590 REM Micro Illustrator to Fan With
Art
600 HOLDS=OUTIS:OUTIS="D:TEMP":GOSUB 5
10
610 INIS=OUTIS:OUTIS=HOLDS:GOTO 1100
620 REM Micro Painter to Movie Maker
630 OPEN #1,4,0,INIS:OPEN #2,8,0,OUTIS
640 COUNT=0:POKE 710,66
650 TRAP 710
660 FOR X=1 TO 40:GET #1,M:PUT #2,M:CO
UNT=COUNT+1
670 IF COUNT=3044 THEN 700
680 NEXT X
690 FOR X=1 TO 40:GET #1,M:NEXT X:GOTO
650
700 FOR X=1 TO 30:PUT #2,0:NEXT X:PUT
#2,100
710 TRAP 40000:CLOSE #1:CLOSE #2:RETUR
N
720 REM Micro Painter to Micro Illustr
ator
730 OPEN #1,4,0,INIS:OPEN #2,8,0,OUTIS
740 FOR X=1 TO 7680:GET #1,M:PUT #2,M:
NEXT X
750 CLOSE #1:CLOSE #2
760 RETURN

```

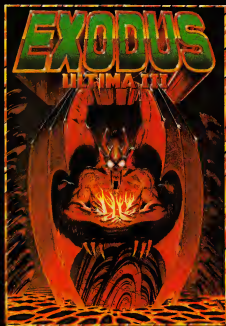
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770 REM Movie Maker to Micro Painter
780 OPEN #1,4,0,INIS:OPEN #2,8,0,OUTIS
790 DIM T(40)
800 K=0
810 FOR X=1 TO 96
820 FOR Y=1 TO 40:GET #1,M:PUT #2,M:(Y
)=M:NEXT Y
830 FOR Y=1 TO 40:PUT #2,T(Y):NEXT Y:N
EXT X
840 FOR Y=1 TO 4:GET #1,M:PUT #2,M:NEX
T Y
850 TRAP 40000:CLOSE #1:CLOSE #2:RETUR
N
860 REM Movie Maker to Micro Illustrat
or
870 HOLDS=OUTIS:OUTIS="D:TEMP":GOSUB 7
20
880 INIS=OUTIS:OUTIS=HOLDS:GOTO 720
890 REM Movie Maker to Fan with Art
900 HOLDS=OUTIS:OUTIS="D:TEMP":GOSUB 7
20
910 INIS=OUTIS:OUTIS=HOLDS:GOTO 1100
920 REM Fan With Art to Micro Painter
930 OPEN #1,4,0,INIS:OPEN #2,8,0,OUTIS
940 GET #1,M:GET #1,M
950 FOR X=1 TO 4:GET #1,M:COLREG(X)=M:
NEXT X
960 FOR X=1 TO 256:GET #1,M:NEXT X
970 FOR X=1 TO 7696
980 GET #1,M
990 IF X>4000 AND X<4097 THEN 1010
1000 PUT #2,M
1010 NEXT X
1020 FOR X=1 TO 4:PUT #2,COLREG(X):NEX
T X
1030 CLOSE #1:CLOSE #2:RETURN
1040 REM Fan with Art to Micro Illustr
ator
1050 HOLDS=OUTIS:OUTIS="D:TEMP":GOSUB
920
1060 INIS=OUTIS:OUTIS=HOLDS:GOTO 720
1070 REM Fan with Art to Movie Maker
1080 HOLDS=OUTIS:OUTIS="D:TEMP":GOSUB
920
1090 INIS=OUTIS:OUTIS=HOLDS:GOTO 620
1100 REM Micro Painter to Fan with Art
1110 OPEN #1,4,0,INIS:OPEN #2,8,0,OUTI
S
1120 FOR X=1 TO 262:READ N:PUT #2,N:NE
XT X
1130 FOR X=1 TO 7696
1140 IF X>4000 AND X<4097 THEN PUT #2,
0:GOTO 1160
1150 GET #1,M:PUT #2,M
1160 NEXT X
1170 PUT #2,0:PUT #2,0
1180 FOR X=1 TO 4:GET #1,M:COLREG(X)=M
:NEXT X
1190 CLOSE #1:CLOSE #2:OPEN #2,12,0,OU
TIS
1200 PUT #2,254:PUT #2,254

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ROTATE YOUR PLAYER

Special effects with machine language

by LARRY PARKER

SYNOPSIS

This article demonstrates some of machine language's special capabilities. Listing 1 requires BASIC; listing 2 requires the Assembler Editor cartridge. The second listing is a routine to be called from BASIC—it does not run on its own. Both programs run on all Atari computers.

Player/Missile graphics are easy to use. Their flexibility and versatility allow you to experiment and create interesting effects. The following program gives the effect of a ball in P/M rolling right or left.

Type in and SAVE the first listing. RUNNING the program shows you a smiling face which you can move with the joystick. As the face moves left or right, it appears to be rolling.

The key to this effect is the machine language program stored in ROT%. To call it, a USR command must be executed as follows:

```
A=USR(ML,ADR,NUM,DIR)
```

where ML is the address of the routine, ADR is the address to rotate, NUM is the number of bytes to rotate, and DIR is the direction to rotate (0=left, 1=right). The machine language routine itself is quite simple. Its source code is in Listing two and is documented.

Use the following steps to produce a rolling effect:

1. Shift every bit in each byte you want to rotate;
2. Check the carry bit;
3. If the carry bit is a 1, set bit 7 if shifting right, or set bit 0 if shifting left.

These steps cause each bit to move left or right and wrap around.

Note that in the USR call (LINE 450), the second parameter is offset by 2 (P0+2), so the top two bytes of the face are not rotated. If they are, the face will not appear to roll. To see this, change the +2 in LINE 450 to a +0 and RUN the



program. The result shows that the routine has some restrictions. In order to completely produce the illusion of rotation, the portion to rotate must be eight bits wide.

This is just one of the many special results produced by Player/Missile graphics. After experimenting with them, you can produce your own special effects.

Larry Parker entered the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan last year. In the past several years, he has written and sold several dozen programs in BASIC, using machine language routines.

Listing 1

```
10 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
20 REM PLAYER MISSILE ROTATOR
30 REM BY LARRY PARKER
40 REM
70 REM READ MACHINE LANGUAGE DATA
80 REM INTO ROT%
100 DIM ROT$(60)
110 FOR I=1 TO 57:READ A:ROT$(I,I)=CHR
$(A):NEXT I
120 DATA 104,104,133,204,104,133,203
130 DATA 104,104,133,205,104,104,133
```



```

140 DATA 206,160,0,24,165,206,288
150 DATA 11,177,203,10,144,14,24
160 DATA 105,1,24,144,0,177,203
170 DATA 74,144,3,24,105,120,145
180 DATA 203,200,196,205,200,225,96
200 REM PLAYER MISSILE SETUP
220 RAM=PEEK(196):PDKE 106,RAM-0:GRAPH
ICS 0:PDKE 752,1:7
230 U=PEEK(196):X=120
240 PDKE 704,14
250 PDKE 54279,U
260 PM=256*U
270 FOR I=PM+512 TO PM+640:PDKE I,0:NE
XT I
280 PM=PM+512:00
290 RESTORE 360

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```

300 FOR I=P0 TO P0+7
310 READ A
320 PDKE I,A
330 NEXT I
340 PDKE 559,46:PDKE 53277,3
350 PDKE 53240,X
360 DATA 60,126,219,255,189,195,126,60
380 REM ROTATE PLAYER
400 S=STICK(0)
410 IF S=7 THEN DIR=1:X=X+1:GOTO 440
420 IF S=11 THEN DIR=0:X=X-1:GOTO 440
430 GOTO 400
440 PDKE 53240,X
450 A=USR(ADR(RDT$),P0+2,4,DIR)
460 FOR D=1 TO 3:NEXT D
470 GOTO 400

```



Listing 2

```

0 *=$600
20 ;
30 ; -----
40 ; A=USR(ML,ADR,# BYTES,DIRECTION)
50 ;
60 ; ROTATES DATA LEFT OR RIGHT
70 ;
80 ; -----
90 ;
0100 ADR = $CB
0110 BYTES = $CD
0120 DIR = $CE
0130 PLA ; IGNORE
0140 PLA ; GET HI BYTE DF
ADDRESS
0150 STA ADR+1
0160 PLA ; GET LD BYTE DF
ADDRESS
0170 STA ADR
0180 PLA ; IGNORE
0190 PLA ; GET NUMBER DF B
BYTES
0200 STA BYTES
0210 PLA ; IGNORE
0220 PLA ; GET DIRECTION

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0230 STA DIR
0240 ;
0250 LDY #0
0260 LDDP CLC
0270 LDA DIR
0280 BNE RIGHT ; RIGHT IF A 1
0290 ;
0300 LEFT LDA (ADR),Y
0310 ASL A ; SHIFT LEFT
0320 BCC STORE ; NO CARRY BIT
0330 CLC
0340 ADC #1 ; SET BIT 0
0350 CLC
0360 BCC STORE
0370 RIGHT LDA (ADR),Y
0380 LSR A ; SHIFT RIGHT
0390 BCC STORE ; NO CARRY BIT
0400 CLC
0410 ADC #128 ; SET BIT 7
0420 STORE STA (ADR),Y
0430 INY
0440 CPY BYTES ; DONE?
0450 BNE LDDP ; NO
0460 RTS ; YES- RETURN TO
BASIC

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CUSTOMIZING BASIC KEY FUNCTIONS

A shortcut to program typing

by MIKE FLEISCHMANN

How many times have you typed 'AS(LEN(A\$)+1)=', or 'COLOR 1', or 'SAVE "D:", until you thought your fingers were going to fall off? Wouldn't it be nice if you could just press one key...?

If you've done much programming in ATARI BASIC, you've encountered the finger cramping, shift key workout more than once. In fact if you're like me, you have found yourself wishing that ATARI had assigned function keys to save some typing.

Well they didn't. So one night just after I had finished my 43rd AS(LEN(A\$)+1)=" ", I decided to do something about it. The following autorun program allows you to use the [CTRL] key and one other key to generate complete BASIC commands. In this program, the [CTRL] key and any other key can be used to print entire BASIC functions. If you assign the 'LIST "P:" ' command to the [4] key, for example, every time you type [CTRL] [4] the 'LIST "P:" ' command will appear on the screen.

It's easy to assign any BASIC command to any key. You can assign commands to their keys in lines 20000-29999 in the BASIC program. When making these assignments, you must follow a few simple rules:

1. Change only the string data between lines 20000 and 29999.
2. The last command string must be '@@@@@@'.
3. Every assignment must follow this pattern:

```
(KEY)(COMMAND);COMMAND: . . . :COMMAND](@)
```

(KEY) is any key, A-Z, 0-9.

(COMMAND) is the command you want the key to produce.

[COMMAND: . . . :COMMAND] are any additional commands (optional).

(@) is an end-of-command marker.

SYNOPSIS

A devilishly clever technique for setting up two-keystroke "function-key" abbreviations that'll enter repeats of lengthy commands into your program. The BASIC listing requires a disk drive, and runs on all Atari computers of all memory configurations. Antic Disk Subscribers Run "D.BASICKEY.BAS"

4. Use 'I' symbols instead of commas in your command strings. The program will read them as commas.
5. The maximum length of any command string is 128 bytes.

EXAMPLE: Let's say we want the '4' key to generate 'PRINT "Answer Yes or No":INPUT A\$'; instead of 'LIST "P:"'. The BASIC data statement we need to change is in line 20150. Change line 20150 from:

```
20150 DATA 4LIST "P:"@,5LIST "D:@
```

to:

```
20150 DATA 4PRINT "Answer Yes or No":INPUT A$@,5LIST  
"D:@
```

The '4' key is changed.

CREATING THE AUTORUN FILE

Once you've made the key assignments, you must create the AUTORUN.SYS file. With a formatted disk (with the DOS.SYS and DUP.SYS files) at hand, RUN the program.

The program will ask you if you want a hard copy of your command set, just in case your memory needs refreshing once in a while. Type [Y] for "yes," [N] for "no." After the program has read your command set, it will ask you to place your formatted disk in drive #1. Do so. Press [RETURN] to create and store the AUTORUN.SYS file on the disk. Now, SAVE our KEY FUNCTION program to the disk as a backup, if you haven't already done so. To run the AUTORUN.SYS file, turn the ATARI off and then on again. The program will automatically load and patiently wait for you. Test the program by pressing the [CTRL] key while typing a key to which you have assigned a command. If it works, your command will appear on the screen. If a command didn't appear, check the data statements.

HELPFUL HINTS:

1. Don't assign anything to the [I] key, it will disable the [CTRL] [I] screen freeze.
2. Always press the [RESET] key before going to DOS. To recover the function keys after going to DOS, you must reboot.
3. Never use 'NEW' in a multiple command statement. Anything after it will be ignored.

A sample data set is included to allow you to experiment. The [CTRL] [O] command is a short routine that converts a hex digit to decimal.

HOW IT WORKS:

The BASIC program builder is a fairly straightforward disk output routine with the following "tricks":

1. In line 10000, the first 6 bytes are the binary file load header.
2. In the data statements between 10000 and 19999, values 500 and 501 are flags to tell the program where to put

the end address of the assembly program and key data.

3. Line 30004 is the append data you need to make ATARI DOS think the file is an auto execute file.

The function key program starts by loading below the DOS.SYS program area and then shifting the MEMLO and APPMHI pointers to the end of the key data. Then the program puts its keyboard handler address into the jump vector at VKEYBD(\$209) and saves the old jump vector in its own jump location. (A positive side effect of this is that the program only uses the exact amount of memory it needs.) Then the program returns to BASIC.

When a key is pressed, the interrupt jumps to the function program. There, its value is checked to see if the [CTRL] key is pressed. If not, the program continues through the normal keyboard handler. When the [CTRL] key is pressed, the key character is converted to ASCII and compared with the command table. If a match is found, the command is sent to the screen and an 'RTI' (Return from Interrupt) is effected. If no match is found, the registers are restored and processing continues through the normal handler.

```
50 REM BASIC 2 KEY CREATE PROGRAM
60 REM BY MIKE FLEISCHMANN
70 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
100 DIM SS(128),AS(1)
110 ? "*****":? " BASIC 2 KEY CREATE PR
DGRAM"
120 ? " THE OBJECT CODE IS IN AUTDRUN
FMT"
130 ? :? "DO YOU WANT THE COMMANDS TO
BE PRINTED"
140 INPUT AS
150 IF AS="Y" THEN FLAG=1:REM FLAG=1 -
>SEND TO P: FLAG=0 -> SEND TO SCREEN
160 REM
170 REM Need to find out how long the
ML program is. So we count
180 REM the bytes in the data statemen
ts.
190 READ D
200 IF D<0 THEN 220:REM The -1 is a te
rminator
210 CT=CT+1:GOTO 190
220 READ SS:REM Now we count the # of
bytes in the commands
230 CT=CT+LEN(SS)
240 IF SS(1,1)="@ " THEN 310:REM Lookin
g for the 5 '@' signs at end
250 REM Since we have to read the comm
ands anyway may as well print
260 REM them out in readable form. Not
n: leave '@' sign so
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270 REM we know if there are any blank
s at the end of command.
280 IF FLAG<>1 THEN PRINT " CTRL ";SS(
1,1):" = ";SS(2)
290 IF FLAG=1 THEN LPRINT " CTRL ";SS(
1,1):" = ";SS(2)
300 GOTO 220
310 CT=CT+7424-6:REM Add in starting a
ddr. of ML code - the header
320 REM for a ML boot file.
330 CTH=INT(CT/256):CTL=CT-CTH*256:REM
Compete the low and high
340 REM Now wait for the user.
350 ? "Press return when the disk you
want =
360 ? " is in drive 1 ":INPUT AS
370 OPEN #3,B,0,"D:AUTDRUN.SYS":REM Ge
t ready to output.
380 RESTORE:REM Set pointer to top of
data.
390 READ D
400 IF D<0 THEN 460:REM Look for -1
410 REM 500 & 501 are flags to tell pr
gm where to put end addr.
420 IF D=500 THEN D=CTL
430 IF D=501 THEN D=CTH
440 PUT #3,D
450 GOTO 390
460 REM ML program output. Now we outp
ut the command sent.
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470 READ S$
480 FOR I=1 TO LEN(S$):REM Output string
  by byte.
490 D=ASC(S$(I,1))
500 IF D=ASC("\") THEN D=ASC(",")
510 PUT #3,D
520 NEXT I
530 IF S$(1,2)="00" THEN 550:REM Look
  for the 5 '@' signs.
540 GOTO 470
550 REM The program & data set are out.
  Now output the autoload appendage.
560 FOR I=1 TO 7:READ D:PUT #3,D:NEXT
  I
570 CLOSE #3:STOP :REM DONE
10000 REM
10010 REM Below is the data for the machine
  language program.
10020 REM DO NOT MODIFY!!!!!!
10030 REM
10040 DATA 255,255,0,29,500,501,234,16
  0,1,173,0,2,153,182,29,200,173,0,2,153
  102,29,169,44,141,0,2,169,29
10050 DATA 141,0,2,169,500,141,231,2,2
  4,105,112,169,501,141,232,2,105,1,133,
  15,96,88,142,192,29,140,193
10060 DATA 29,173,9,210,72,41,128,208,
  4,104,24,144,113,169,3,133,245,169,30,
  133,246,104,41,63,170,109
10070 DATA 195,29,201,255,240,94,133,2
  47,160,0,177,245,197,247,240,24,201,64
  240,80,200,177,245,201,64
10080 DATA 208,249,200,24,152,101,245,
  133,245,144,220,230,246,208,224,230,24
  5,200,2,230,246,174,22,220
10090 DATA 172,23,220,232,208,1,200,14
  2,107,29,140,100,29,160,0,177,245,201,
  64,240,13,140,194,29,32,106
10100 DATA 29,172,194,29,200,24,144,23
  7,169,0,133,77,169,48,141,43,2,174,192
  29,172,193,29,104,64,174
10110 DATA 192,29,172,193,29,76,0,80,0
  76,0,80,69,50,155,0,0,0,76,74,59,255,
  255,75,43,42,79,255,80,85
10120 DATA 255,73,45,61,86,255,67,255,
  255,66,80,90,52,255,51,54,27,53,50,49,
  44,32,46,70,255,77,47,255
10130 DATA 82,255,69,89,255,04,07,01,5
  7,255,40,55,255,56,60,62,70,72,68,255,
  255,71,83,65,-1
20000 REM
20010 REM BELOW IS THE COMMAND TABLE
20020 REM THE FORMAT OF THE TABLE IS
20030 REM (KEY):(COMMAND):[COMMAND:...:
  COMMAND](@) WHERE THE
20040 REM '@' SYMBOL IS THE TERMINATOR

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20050 REM The set must end with 5 '@'
  signs.
20060 REM Only capital letters and num
  bers can be used!!! for (KEY)
20070 REM
20080 REM
20090 REM
20100 DATA ACOLOR @,CCNRS(@,DDATA @,FF
  OR @,GGOTO @
20110 DATA HGOSUB @,INPUT @,DRAWTO @
  ,KGRAPHICS @,LLIST @
20120 DATA MLPRINT @,NNEXT @,OPADDDLE@
  ,PLOT @,QPOS. @
20130 DATA RRETURN @,SSO. @,TTNEN @,UR
  EAD @,VSE. @,WSTICK @
20140 DATA XSTRIG(@,YSTRS(@,2LOAD "D:@
  ,3SAVE "D:@
20150 DATA 4LIST "P:"@,5LIST "O:@
20160 DATA 0DEC=(HEX$(I\I)<="9")*(ASC(
  HEX$(I\I))-48)+(HEX$(I\I)>="A")*(ASC(H
  EX$(I\I))-55)@
20170 DATA 6ENTER "D:@,00000
30000 REM
30010 REM
30020 REM
30030 REM Below is the appendage for a
  n autoturn file.
30040 DATA 0,224,2,225,2,0,29

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TYPO TABLE

Variable checksum = 132884

Line num	range	Code	Length
50	- 100	ET	420
100	- 200	KZ	527
300	- 410	EC	483
420	- 530	HQ	313
540	- 1000	XP	541
10070	- 10120	IN	580
10130	- 20100	TD	411
20110	- 30040	RG	427

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OLYMPI

by JEFFREY STANTON



SYNOPSIS

This simulation of the 100-yard dash is Antic's first machine language action game. The BASIC language listings create the machine language program. It's a two-player game requiring two joysticks, and runs on all Atari computers and all memory configurations. Antic Disk Subscribers: From DOS Type I, [RETURN] then type DASH.EXE.

Are you an armchair athlete? Has all the excitement over the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles got your blood pumping in the competitive spirit? Well, thanks to Jeffrey Stanton and Antic, you can now take part in a video 100-yard dash with two independently scrolling screens — and become the Olympic Atari champion of your block!

To use Olympic Dash, follow these instructions:

1. Type in Listing 1.
2. Check it with TYPO.
3. Delete the lines containing TYPO before saving the final copy.
4. SAVE a copy.
5. Type NEW to clear computer memory.
6. Type in Listing 2. There's no TYPO program for Listing 2 because all the data in Listing 2 is checked by Listing 1 as it reads the data and stores it in memory.
7. Use the LIST command to store Listing 2 (i.e. LIST "C;" or LIST "D:LIST2.LST").
8. LOAD Listing 1.
9. ENTER Listing 2 to merge the two.
10. RUN the program.
11. The program asks whether you're using cassette or disk. If you're using cassette, type [C] and [RETURN], and the program will generate a boot cassette. If you're using disk, type [D] and [RETURN]. The program will produce a binary

DOS file named DASH.EXE.

12. After you respond to the first prompt, the screen will go black (for faster processing) for a few minutes while the program reads data and places it in a string. If the program encounters any bad data, which probably means you've made a typing error, the screen color returns to blue and the program prints a message telling you which line contains the bad data. Correct your error and RUN the program again. (Pay attention to commas, periods, and spaces.)
13. While you're waiting for the data to be read, cassette users place a blank cassette in the recorder and press Record and Play. Disk users should make sure there's a DOS disk with at least 28 free sectors in your drive.
14. When the screen color returns to blue, you'll see a prompt to press [RETURN] to save the file. Cassette

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users must press [RETURN] twice; once at the prompt, and once after the computer beeps twice. Do so, and the file will be stored.

15. To load the machine language cassette, rewind the tape, press [PLAY] and turn off your computer. It's not necessary to remove the BASIC cartridge. Then, while the computer is off, press [START] and hold it down while turning on the computer. Then press [RETURN] to load the tape. When the program has loaded, it will automatically begin.
16. To load from disk, go to the DOS menu, and use option 1. to load DASH.EXE. The program automatically starts upon loading.
17. If you wish to have the program load and run automatically upon booting the disk, rename the game program to AUTORUN.SYS and make sure that DOS.SYS exists on the disk.

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Playing Olympic Dash is easy. A word of precaution: This game is a joystick buster! If you have any choice, use your old Atari joysticks to play—they'll work fine, and present less of a problem if they break.

To play, plug two joysticks into Ports 1 and 2. Player 1 is represented on the top half of the screen, and Player 2 is on the bottom. Press [SELECT] to choose the speed of the race; fast or slow (shown in the upper right corner of the screen). Press [START] to begin the race. Watch the upper right corner for the traditional starter's cry of "On your mark . . . Get set . . .," and listen for the pistol shot when "Go" appears. Then start moving your joysticks from side to side (not up and down) as fast as possible. The faster you wiggle the stick, the faster your player runs. The first to cross the finish line is the winner. Total running time for both players

is constantly displayed. If another player isn't handy, try to beat your own best time.

Jeffrey Stanton has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In 1979, he bought an Apple computer and began designing and writing video games, but he soon switched over to Atari computers because of their superior graphics capabilities. He is co-editor of The Book of Atari Software and co-author of a new book, Atari Graphics and Game Design, both from The Book Company, Los Angeles, California.

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Listing 1

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10 REM OLYMPIC DASH
20 REM BY JEFFREY STANTON
30 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
40 DIM HS(2),ARRAYS(96),HOLDS(3500),HE
  XS(23),FILES(20):HEXS="@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO"
##JKLMD":CASS=0
50 TRAP 60
60 ? "CASSETTE OR DISK? (C/D)":INPUT
  HS:HS=HS(1,1):IF HS<>"C" AND HS<>"D" T
  HEN 60
70 TRAP 500:"PLEASE WAIT...":FOR D
  =1 TO 200:NEXT D:POKE 559,0
80 IF HS="C" THEN CASS=5:FILES="C":CM
  D=128:GOTO 100
90 FILES="D:DASH.EXE":CMD=0
100 RESTORE 1999:CASS=0:Q=1
110 READ ARRAYS:FOR HNUM=1 TO LEN(ARRA
  YS) STEP 2:HS=ARRAYS(HNUM,HNUM+1)
120 D=0:FOR I=1 TO 2:D=D*16+ASC(HEXS(A
  SC(HS(I))-47))-64:NEXT I:HOLDS(Q,Q)=CH
  RS(D):Q=Q+1:NEXT HNUM
130 RESTORE 2000:FOR LINE=2000 TO 2770
  STEP 10:GDSUB 140:NEXT LINE:GOTO 190
140 READ ARRAYS,LSUM:FOR HNUM=1 TO LEN
  (ARRAYS) STEP 2:HS=ARRAYS(HNUM,HNUM+1)
150 D=0:FOR I=1 TO 2:D=D*16+ASC(HEXS(A
  SC(HS(I))-47))-64:NEXT I
155 SUM=SUM+(ASC(HS(1,1))+ASC(HS(2,2)
  )):HOLDS(Q,Q)=CHRS(D):Q=Q+1:NEXT HNUM
160 CL=PEEK(103)+PEEK(104)*256:IF CL<
  LINE THEN POKE 559,34:"LINE ";LINE;"
  IS MISSING":END
170 IF LSUM<>SUM THEN 500
180 RETURN
190 POKE 559,34:"PRESS <RETURN> TO
  SAVE THE FILE":INPUT HS
200 CLOSE #1:OPEN #1,B,CMD,FILES:IOCB=
  848:POKE IOCB+2,11
210 ADDRESS=ADR(HOLDS):ADHI=INT(ADDRES
  S/256):ADLO=ADDRESS-ADHI*256
220 BYTES=LEN(HOLDS):NUMHI=INT(BYTES/2
  56):NUMLO=BYTES-NUMHI*256
230 POKE IOCB+4,ADLO:POKE IOCB+5,ADHI:
  POKE IOCB+8,NUMLO:POKE IOCB+9,NUMHI
240 X=USR(ADR("BBBBLLV"),16)
250 CLOSE #1:"ALL DONE":END
500 TRAP 40000:POKE 559,34:"PRESS BAD
  
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A2810DE022F00FFED22FEF0,241633
2510 DATA 22FEF022FEF022FEF022CA30934C
0E2520042820A92808E28A9000514A514C9C0
0EFAA985800E228D0F22A94E,246965
2520 DATA 80F82280F122200428204928200E
284C7725A0008B9CA20092E358810F7A9100B0D
23A9008514800823A20138A9,251937
2530 DATA 0FEDF92280F8228D00023F06E8CE0
22B9E2200DE229D0E422B0E022D0034C627FE
E22B00DE22C906005A90090,257175
2540 DATA DE22200428204928208E28A90090
082390E222FEF022FEF022FEF022FEF022B0F
22D0F222904E3800F022FD2,262321
2550 DATA 229D422B0E022C9100906BCE022
4CBF260CEE2289A4229D0E22B0F2229D0F22B0
F022D0F22290200CFE22B900,267535
2560 DATA 229D0F22187D0F2229D0F822C90090
0C380DF822E9080F822FE622FE22FE22FE22
B0E22200E4229085A9019000,272753
2570 DATA 23B0F622C9A90095A90090E0E2238
A90FEDF82280FA280F622C98C000A900900A
23AD0C2310038E0C23CA3003,277894
2580 DATA 4C5826286D2A0D0C233815F088A9
0A805C358062354C5227A90A804835804E35AD
0C23300A01FD0C9060B034C,282988
2590 DATA 2323A900800323AD0323C9810003
4C40264C6627A901800323A20128F0228B0F022
90C62200080186980890C82,287953
2600 DATA 809100186900890CA22809200CA30
034CF2A7AD62280B5A80022ABDFA2BADAC2A
80A92A8DA280A432A80A02A,293220
2610 DATA 809D2AAD0F722B062A800C23A800
2A80C02A80CA2AB0C72A80C42A80C12A80BE2A
ADFA2280040420F0294C62E4,298588
2620 DATA 48ADF22800404DC7228004AD480
0000ADC92280010AD0C822802D06840ADCE22
85F2A93818690485F385F5AC,303802
2630 DATA DE22B9C0F185F0A9185F1AD0622
85F4200328ADC2285F2A93818690485F385F5
ACDF22B9C81F85F0A9185F1,309026
2640 DATA ADD72285F420032860A0082285F2
A93818690585F385F5ACDE22B9C61F85F0A91E
85F1AD00E2285F4200328AD01,314212
2650 DATA 2285F2A93818690585F385F5ACDF
22B9C61F85F0A91E85F1AD092285F420032860
AD022285F2A93818690685F3,319348
2660 DATA 85F0ACDE22B9CC1F85F8A91F85F1
AD0A2285F4200328AD032285F2A93818690685
F385F5ACDF22B9CC1F85F8A9,324626
2670 DATA 1F05F1AD00E2285F420032860A000
A90091F4C8C82890F9A00001F091F2A5F2C6C0
2090F5A5F285F460007B022,329710
2680 DATA 0CC9C0000A90190E622A90090DEA
2290EB22B07802290400150DEA22D0818FE022
A90090E62290E822A9019DEA,334889
2690 DATA 2280788220001500E822D0180
2280788220001500E822D0180

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E022A9009DE6229DEA22A90190E822FEEC228C
E0228900210DEC22F002800D, 340044
2700 DATA 80E022F003DEE022A9009DEC228D
E022C914900AA91390E022A90290DEC2260F8A5
14693C900018AD0082369018D, 345169
2710 DATA 0023A9008514A88948218D00923AD
00234A4A4A4A0010000423AD0023290F09100D
0523AD00234A4A4A4A001000, 350140
2720 DATA 0623AD0023290F0910000723D8AD
0A23F018AD0423004935AD005238004A35AD0623
0D4C35AD0023004035AD0023, 355100
2730 DATA F018AD0423005035AD00523805E35
AD0623006035AD002300613560AD0023F00ECE
0D23AD0023006102A9000000, 360200
2740 DATA D260A000A90199002099002EC8D0
F7A0000A94299002F090031C8A94309002F0900
31C8000A000A943090030C8, 365201
2750 DATA A942990030C8000F2A000A9819900
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RAINBOW WALKER

Synapse Software
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\$34.95, 32K — disk
\$34.95, 32K — cassette

Reviewed by Andrew Bell

Rainbow Walker, Synapse Software's latest arcade-style game, joins the company's previous games as one of the most imaginative, graphically stimulating and playable games on the market.

The story is colorful. Once, in a mythical land, a merciless meaneat stole all the colors from the rainbow. Wearing magic shoes, brave Cedrick tries to restore the colors piecemeal by hopping from square to square on the dulled rainbow. Wherever he lands, Cedrick leaves a patch of color; hopefully the arc will be returned to its original colors.

Unfortunately for Cedrick, there are some monochromatic-minded creatures who materialize to undo his work. Wherever these creatures land, color disappears.

You control Cedrick by using the joystick to hop in eight directions; pressing the fire button, you can take two-square giant steps. When you color an entire rainbow you advance to the next level. There are 20 levels, each progressively harder, with a surprise if you make it to the top level.

As you move up, the rainbows' shapes become more complex, and new, more aggressive antagonists appear. Fortunately, after each round you can supplement your stock of extra lives by playing the bonus screen, a set of three squares that move first slowly, then faster and faster. The longer you can keep Cedrick on the squares, the more lives you earn. *(This is a great way to test your reflexes and acquired skill. —ANTIC ED)*

Rainbow Walker excels graphically. The rainbow is shown in unique perspective, cutting the horizontal plane at the bottom of the screen and arching

back to the horizon. This is a three-quarter look down at the bow's floor-like tiles. When Cedrick reaches the bottom of the screen and hops forward, the tiles scroll back and a new set of squares comes into view. Hopping toward the top of the screen, Cedrick shrinks in the distance, making the image appear three dimensional.

Rainbow Walker's sound complements the game without becoming obnoxious. The many sound effects are so well meshed with the action that they contribute to the game's overall high quality of play.

The game is hard to play at first, but after a little experience and some determined effort, you will be able to advance to higher levels and improve your scores. **Rainbow Walker** has ample action and surprises, making it challenging to even the most sophisticated game player. If you're looking for gold, you won't have to go to the end of the rainbow to find it in this game.

THE SEVEN CITIES OF GOLD

Electronic Arts
2755 Campus Drive
San Mateo, CA 94403
(415) 571-7171
\$40.00, 48K — disk

Reviewed by Sandra Carlisle

The Seven Cities of Gold is a role playing simulation of the 16th Century Spanish discovery and conquest of the New World. You are a Spanish conquistador leading an expedition through unexplored dangers in search of treasure and glory.

You may face complete panic when you're out of food and goods and can't find your way back to your ships. If you discover and enter a village, you find yourself surrounded by natives. At first you feel frightened — there are so many, crowding too closely.

The subtlety of this game becomes

especially apparent when you must deal with the natives. There is no common language. How do you communicate with a totally alien culture? You can slaughter and plunder, try trickery or treachery, trade for your most pressing needs, or even try to convert the natives and establish missions. These many variables give the game its authenticity, flavor, and challenge.

As you move about, the detailed terrain scrolls by you, demonstrating the game's excellent graphics and animation.

Your expedition is financed by the king, including four ships and their crews, soldiers, food and trading goods.

The strategy and challenge of this one-person arcade-style game are evident as you explore unknown territory.

Seven Cities is highly realistic as a historical and geographical simulation.

If you defeat or trade with the natives, you may have many native bearers. They not only help carry supplies and gold, but also help to locate other villages and gold mines. Your expedition can move at different speeds on land, and much faster on rivers.

Seven Cities has three playing levels. At any level above novice, you must contend with storms at sea, native ambushes, food spoilage, ship wrecks, and even with the disappearance of your ships. Also, the native villages are hidden and can be located only by stopping to look for a "sign." The higher the level, the more realistic the play.

Considering the size of this game (the "game" map alone occupies 65K of disk memory — 2,800 screens!), I was amazed by the speed of the play. I never had to wait for the drive to load the next

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map portion. Ozark Softscape, the designers, developed a technique to load new portions of the scrolling map without interrupting the play of the game.

The "Random World" generator is an impressive feature of the game. This will create (and write to a disk) as many unique "New Worlds" as you want (all with 2,800 screens), each with different shaped land masses, swamps, villages, mountains, and so on. This sophisticated technique follows established geological rules of plate-tectonics and consults a cultural dissemination model for its work. You can even make copies of your unique world and exchange them with your friends for "competitive" play.

Upon your return, you can go to the Outfitters Shop to outfit more ships for future expeditions. You can also visit the Royal Palace to receive recognition for your success, you can view the game map, or drop into the Pub to save the game.

Since Seven Cities is highly realistic as a historical and geographical simulation, it can be used quite easily as an educational tool. There is no set solution, nor is there a single puzzle to solve.

Best of all, the concepts of entertainment and education are totally integrated. Seven Cities will undoubtedly be a strong contender for game of the year in 1984.

PITFALL!

Activision, Inc.
2350 Bayshore Frontage Road
Mountain View, CA 94043
(415) 960-0410
\$34.95, 8K — cartridge

Reviewed by Ellen Key

Deep in the jungle, far away from technologized, urbanized civilization, lives (for a short time at least), Pitfall Harry. This daring jungle explorer has fearlessly entered the dense foliage in search of the fabled treasure concealed within. Leaping over alligators, rolling logs, scorpions and snakes, he spots his first

goal, a gold bar. He runs across the clearing to retrieve it, only to fall to his demise in a huge tar pit.

This may be the most common scenario in one of the most popular games from Activision. Originally written by David Crane for the VCS, this fast action game has finally been released for Atari computers. Every detail featured in the VCS version has been reproduced and as far as graphics are concerned enhanced. Details are very lifelike: Pitfall Harry loopes across the screen in long, easy strides; the scorpion's pincers clutch at Pitfall Harry; barrels roll realistically across the screen, and a vine swings in a smooth, unbroken arc. The animation of all the assorted creatures is excellent, and the joystick responds instantly, preventing "Slip of the Wrist" deaths.

Almost everything about Pitfall is precise and perfect. Although there is usually plenty of time to finish a game, the absence of a pause is annoying. The graphics are 3-D and very realistic, but the game would be improved greatly if the player were allowed to move in and out of the third dimension. In addition, I miss a choice of difficulty function, and, since the game was not designed to eat up quarters at a video arcade, the twenty-minute time limit is entirely unnecessary. In spite of these faults, Pitfall is still exciting, and will greatly please the young arcaders who have long been waiting for the game's release.

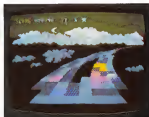
DROL

Broderbund Software
17 Paul Dr.
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 479-1170
\$39.95, 48K — disk

Reviewed by Brian Ho Fung

Drol is an original, addictive, arcade-style game with beautiful graphics. The game takes you to the underground dream world of Drol, where you must rescue a small family and its pets

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Atarian

Here's an extra-big bonus MICROSCREEN section for *Antic's* 1984 Graphics issue. We're happy for the opportunity to print more than our usual amount of the outstanding pictures we get from our readers.

George R. Bradford (Cheetah, Stagecoach) is a Canadian commercial artist. He places a transparent overlay on his video screen and then makes computer images using either Micro-Painter or Keystroke Artist, a joystick graphics program which appeared in *Antic* August 1983. Mr. Bradford is 51 and says he "just hates to let the young folks have all the fun."

Dorit Tabak of Manhattan (Atarian) is an art student who has owned her Atari 800 for only six months. She made this Picasso-like portrait using a KoalaPad with Micro Illustrator and "a little help from Graphic Master."

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Jeff McFall (Voyage) lives in Columbus, Indiana and created this South Seas nightscape with Micro Illustrator on KoalaPad.



Voyage

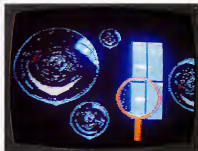
Armand Deveno (Red Balloons, Bubbles) creates his precise and colorful illustrations with KoalaPad and Micro Illustrator. He lives in Springfield, Mass.



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Bubbles

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trapped in the fantasy world by an evil witchdoctor's curse.

You are equipped with an anti-gravity rescue suit and an unlimited supply of reality pellets. Drol has three missions: rescue a wandering girl and her jet-propelled pet lizard; save her propeller-

beamed brother and his pet crocodile; and liberate the kids' mother, who is bound with rope on Drol's bottom floor.

Your hero, controlled by the joystick, travels through continuously scrolling multi-levelled corridors seeking captives and trying to avoid a host of dangers—

giant scorpions, monsters, flying turkeys and a killer vacuum cleaner. When you find a captive, you simply touch it to rescue it.

Your hero starts with five lives. Completing three missions, one round, earns you an extra life. Each time your hero dies, he must start from the top corridor. This can be frustrating, especially on the third mission where each corridor is separated by only one or two trapdoors placed far away from each other. Each new round provides faster and deadlier monsters—some of which must be shot repeatedly before they die.

Drol is an exceptionally well-programmed game. It has staying power and a limitless challenge. It can be paused; you can view the high scores while playing, and high scores can be saved to the disk. Drol's one drawback—the long time it takes to load each successive mission—is offset by the game's beautiful animation, smooth-scrolling graphics and non-stop action. Drol will delight players of all ages and will challenge even skilled game players.

CARRIER FORCE

Strategic Simulations, Inc.
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\$59.95, 40K — disk

Reviewed by Christine A. Lamardini

Historic accounts of great World War II naval battles need little embellishment to emphasize their drama. The stakes were enormous in both theaters of the war, but the outcome for the American forces was nowhere so uncertain as it was in the Pacific in 1942. With *Carrier Force*, Strategic Simulations, Inc., has recreated four major battles of the Pacific (Midway, Santa Cruz, the Solomons, and the Coral Sea), with all the tension, excitement, complexity, and uncertainty that accompanied the actual conflicts between the American fleet and the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Carrier Force simulations are very realistic. Gary Grigsby and his creative

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team accounted for virtually every piece of equipment on both sides. As fleet commander of either the U.S. Navy or the IJN, your first duty is to find the opposing fleet. Then you must determine the most effective way to disperse the ships in your command. These include carriers, destroyers, tankers, escorts, and submarines. Aircraft, ranging from B-26 heavy bombers, and F4F fighters to minimally-armed reconnaissance planes, also must be strategically deployed. How many should you place on aircraft carriers and runways? And how far from shore can a strike force proceed before you risk the danger of having to ditch, thus losing valuable men and planes?

Such decisions continually must be made throughout the game. As com-

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mander, you are given current and detailed weather and fleet information. You know the location, heading, strength, readiness, damage, armament, and base capability of each fleet task force, reconnaissance plane, and strike force. Task force size, location, and the enemy's attack plan are the unknown factors adding to the realistic tension as you develop your strategies, launch your strike forces, and cross your fingers.

In addition to fleet information, the program features a high-resolution scrolling map with the appropriate island configuration for each scenario. As task forces are sighted, they are represented on the map by colored symbols. As in real sea chases, a task force located during one search can change direction or disappear under thick cloud cover. You know it is somewhere in the area,

but where? Meanwhile, your radar report indicates an approaching strike force of approximately 150 planes headed for one of your bases. Your next set of orders may well decide the battle.

Carrier Force is an advanced strategy game that is easy to play. The only real frustration I found was with the game's documentation. It is very poorly organized, making it difficult to use effectively during game play. It is also poorly edited. For example, the game's list of abbreviations, which is potentially helpful, is incomplete and is not alphabetized. You must read through the entire list to locate the term you are seeking. Though the game comes with two laminated map boards which are quite handy for tracking both fleets, a similar card summarizing important play information (i.e., aircraft capability, pilot endurance, base operation limits, etc.), was not included. Once you have mastered the play techniques, however, these are minor inconveniences in an otherwise excellent game.

NATO COMMANDER

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\$34.95, 48K — disk
\$34.95, 48K — cassette

Reviewed by Edward Bever

Right now, nine Warsaw Pact armies confront nine NATO corps in central Europe. Even in these tense times, experts see little chance of nuclear war, but if one were to start, it would probably start here. You're in the hot seat; you're the NATO commander.

As the game begins, Soviet divisions attack Berlin and roll across the West German border. Urgent reports of fighting start coming in. You must set the missions of air wings and deploy ground troops while the enemy moves relentlessly forward. Your units also move automatically once you tell them where to go; play proceeds at a continuous pace.

Eastern Block units will attack when they come in contact with your troops, while you must carefully plot your own attacks. Your knowledge of the enemy's location is limited, and you must keep track of six variables simultaneously, scrolling across a board the size of four screens.

Overhead, the Allied air forces struggle for domination of the skies. If they succeed before Russian tanks break through, the invasion can probably be halted and peace restored. In any case, the fight will be dirty with chemical and conventional warfare.

This simulation puts you in command of the most dangerous military operation in history.

The nuclear genie may remain in its bottle, but then again, it may not. Both sides have tactical nukes. What will the Russians do if they meet exceptionally fierce resistance? What will we do if our air power cannot come through in time, as the Soviets close on our nuclear depots? What would you do?

NATO Commander lets you find out. Although the program does not always execute flawlessly, the game is exciting and exacting. The simulation puts you in command of the most dangerous military operation in history.

UNIVERSE

Omnitrend Software
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Reviewed by Harvey Bernstein

In the past, role-playing games have been confined largely to the fantasy world of orcs, trolls, demons, and the like, with not much attention given to

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the hard-core science fiction fan. Good news, fellow rocket-rangers! Omnitrend's Universe has arrived.

This game takes place some time after man's colonization of a galaxy called the Local Group. All contact with Earth has stopped. At the same time evidence has appeared which hints of the existence of an alien artifact, believed to be a hyperspace booster. As a citizen of the Local Group, you must find this mysterious booster and use it to find out what's happened to the people on Earth.

Rather than beginning the game by endowing your character (or yourself) with characteristics, such as strength and dexterity, you borrow 300,000 credits from the Central Bank of Axia (your starting point). With this money you go on to purchase equipment for

first is that Omnitrend has set up a bulletin board that players can access for help. The nitty-gritty action happens after four years of game time play so players can learn the game's fine points before the action gets hot.

Universe does, however, have some serious flaws. It requires a LOT of disk swapping with a one-drive system. The programmers have included a handler for a second drive in the new revision, available now. Also, the game is too slow.

Omnitrend's Universe is a good game that could have been outstanding with a little more polishing. But if you are in the market for a science-fiction strategy game that has more depth than the average adventure, and that will take several months to complete, then Universe is the ideal addition to your game library.

The appendixes supplement the index by listing subroutines alphabetically and by line number. They also list assembly language routines, application programs, and demonstration programs for each chapter.

The first four chapters of this book cover programming techniques such as USB subroutines and memory management. This information is logically necessary for implementation of the routines found in later chapters. Chapters five through fifteen contain hundreds of subroutines, tricks, and concepts. The presentation avoids technical manual computer jargon, and uses clearly defined charts and demonstrations. The novice assembler programmer will benefit from the commented source code listings, yet a knowledge of

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ATARI BASIC FASTER AND BETTER

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\$19.95

Reviewed by Jerry White

Atari BASIC Faster and Better is a 300-page wealth of information. I recommend it highly to those who use BASIC beyond the beginner level. It is a useful addition to the libraries of both the hacker and advanced programmer.

This book contains more subroutine and demonstration program listings than any other book currently available for Atari computers. The BASIC and machine language subroutines are designed to be easily incorporated within the reader's programs. All subroutines and demo programs are also available separately on diskette.

The printing is top quality and easy to read. The book includes a detailed table of contents, which, along with an index, makes it an excellent reference.

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machine language is not needed to use these routines in your BASIC programs.

Some of the topics covered include string manipulation, date and time subroutines, Boolean logic, formatting data entry, display tricks, sound effects, disk utilities, and much much more. The book also contains the most detailed explanation of Atari's error codes that I've ever seen.

If you write BASIC programs on your Atari computer, you will want to keep Atari BASIC Faster and Better near your keyboard. This is one book that will not wind up sitting on a shelf, gathering dust.

(Note: J J G has provided ANTIC with a number of these books, which we are selling for \$15.95. We will accept your cheque, or you can charge it to your MasterCard or VISA.—ANTIC ED)

mining, trade, or piracy, all of which you use as a means of survival while on your quest. You quickly find that the easiest way to make money with the least amount of risk is trade and passenger transport. You buy goods and pick up passengers on one planet, and deliver them to a planet of lesser sophistication. As you increase your wealth, you upgrade your equipment and explore the outer reaches of the Local Group, all the while searching for the missing booster.

Many facets of Universe make it a remarkable game, but the main one is its sheer depth of gameplay. Universe is the first Atari game to come on four disks. Included with them is documentation of over 80 pages! The folks at Omnitrend tell me the game takes well over 100 hours to complete, making it one of the better values around. Another

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CODEWRITER

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Reviewed by Joseph Kattan

Even if it's just for recipes, phone numbers or household inventory, most personal computer users will sooner or later want to have an easy database or home filing program. **Codewriter** is the Atari translation of a popular program written for the Commodore 64. Unfortunately, this latest entry in the Atari database management sweepstakes pretends it can generate programs to your specifications instead of adequately taking care of some basic needs of a home filing system.

You can only look up information by one key field. If you set up a phone directory with names as the key field, you would not be able to look up a record by entering the phone number.

The number of records you can save is also too small. In a simple 12-field application, Codewriter informed me that

I could have no more than 211 records. This limit is not enough for many common database uses.

The Codewriter package comes with three disks. Disk 1 contains the data entry system while Disks 2 and 3 are used for creating reports. Atari owners will not be pleased to find that they get the Commodore instructions manual plus three pages of changes, which are needlessly duplicated on one of the disks.

Codewriter will allow you to store records in multiple fields, as many as 50 on a screen. But that is almost the full extent of what it can do as a database manager.

The program begins directly enough by letting you design an input screen identifying the fields of each application, with input-area masks plus prompts for entering field data.

But once you've designed the screen, your problems begin. Unless you've got a dual disk drive, Codewriter puts you through an obstacle course of swapping disks. The manual flat-out admits that "turning your design into a working program may take from 25 minutes to a bit over an hour." Not exactly the speedy, effortless operation claimed by this product's advertising.

Eventually all your work does generate a BASIC program — which is only slightly altered from Codewriter's standard format. I wrote several applications that all came out as pretty much the same program with only minor differences.

Each application took up 190 sectors on a single-density disk! You're entitled to expect a good database program to use disk space only for the data and essential information on field arrangement. In contrast, every Codewriter "program" gobbles up so much disk space that the manual recommends you put only one application per disk.

For those whose only experience with databases has been lower-priced products like Home Filing Manager or Microfiler, Codewriter might be the next step up. Its greatest redeeming value is that it will use any numeric function legal in Atari BASIC — letting you use it much like a spreadsheet.

Codewriter Corp. rates credit for offering the buyer a reasonably priced set of backup disks. The company also sells Disk 1 separately as Filewriter and Disks 2 and 3 as a package called Reportwriter.

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\$24.95, 32K — sample program disk

Reviewed by Matthew Ratcliff

Here is a book for the experienced Atari BASIC programmer. It will teach you how to use all of those special commands you've never quite been able to master. **Advanced Programming Techniques For Your Atari** covers some topics we have seen many times, such as Player/Missile graphics and character-set editing. But many other techniques are explained that have rarely been addressed in print. The author presents her subjects in detail, and gives many sample programs, including assembly language routines called by USR commands. Complete explanations of all programs are straightforward and easy to follow.

The book can be purchased with a Sample Programs Disk, and with all 62 sample routines just a LOAD away, you will find yourself learning much more quickly than if you had to type all that code and debug it. A few complete programs are presented as well, including a character-set editor.

Some assembly language routines are used, and the "source code" is provided. But if you wish to eventually make the jump to AL, this book will not help you much. Although the USR routines work nicely, the comments in the source code are cryptic. The comments tell you exactly what the AL command is doing, without giving you a clue to its purpose. Compare the two listings below. Both will result in the same "object code" (the bytes that the machine operates on), but which is easier to understand?

SAMPLE #1
 (typical for this book)

LDA #0 ;LOAD THE
 ACCUMULATOR WITH
 THE NUMBER ZERO
 STA 77 ;STORE THE
 ACCUMULATOR AT
 LOCATION 77

SAMPLE #2

ATTRACT=77 ; ATTRACT MODE
 MEMORY LOCATION
 LDA #0 ; A VALUE OF 0 STORED
 HERE
 STA ATTRACT ; RESETS THE ATTRACT
 MODE (POKE 77,0)

There are things in this book that I have only seen in *De Re Atari*, which is a bit on the technical side for those not familiar with AL. One of the major advantages of this book over magazines covering similar information, is that it consistently uses the same programming technique throughout. This is a real plus, provided you like the author's style. Her BASIC code is well structured and commented.

Some of the more interesting subjects covered include a Vertical Blank Interrupt routine that plays music continuously, even after the BASIC program has stopped, and sample code on page flipping. Below is a quick rundown on the book's table of contents.

Number Systems
 The Display List
 Graphics
 Animation
 Inside BASIC
 Strings
 Display List Interrupts
 Scrolling
 Page Flipping
 Sound Generators
 The Keyboard
 The Screen Editor
 Disk Use
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This book will certainly help you put into code many of those nifty programs that have been just too tough to tackle before.



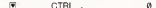







































listing conventions

Table Information

Our custom font listings represent each ASCII character as it appears on the video screen. You generate some characters by a single keystroke, for example, the regular alphabet. Others require a combination or sequence of keystrokes. In this table, ESC means *press and release* the escape key before pressing another key. CTRL or SHIFT means *press and hold* the control or shift key while simultaneously pressing the following key.


















































The Atari logo key () "toggles" inverse video for all alphanumeric and punctuation characters. Press the logo key once to turn

NORMAL VIDEO

FOR THIS	TYPE THIS	DECIMAL VALUE
	CTRL ,	0
	CTRL A	1
	CTRL B	2
	CTRL C	3
	CTRL D	4
	CTRL E	5
	CTRL F	6
	CTRL G	7
	CTRL H	8
	CTRL I	9
	CTRL J	10
	CTRL K	11
	CTRL L	12
	CTRL M	13
	CTRL N	14
	CTRL O	15
	CTRL P	16
	CTRL Q	17
	CTRL R	18
	CTRL S	19
	CTRL T	20
	CTRL U	21
	CTRL V	22
	CTRL W	23
	CTRL X	24
	CTRL Y	25
	CTRL Z	26
	ESC ESC	27
	ESC CTRL -	28
	ESC CTRL =	29
	ESC CTRL +	30
	ESC CTRL *	31
	CTRL .	96
	CTRL ;	123
	SHIFT -	124
	ESC	
	SHIFT	
	CLEAR	125
	ESC DELETE	126
	ESC TAB	127

it on, press again to turn it off. In the XL line there is no logo key; inverse video is controlled by the Reverse Video Mode key. Decimal values are given as reference, and correspond to the CHR\$ values often used in BASIC listings.

INVERSE VIDEO

FOR THIS	TYPE THIS	DECIMAL VALUE
	^ CTRL ,	128
	^ CTRL A	129
	^ CTRL B	130
	^ CTRL C	131
	^ CTRL D	132
	^ CTRL E	133
	^ CTRL F	134
	^ CTRL G	135
	^ CTRL H	136
	^ CTRL I	137
	^ CTRL J	138
	^ CTRL K	139
	^ CTRL L	140
	^ CTRL M	141
	^ CTRL N	142
	^ CTRL O	143
	^ CTRL P	144
	^ CTRL Q	145
	^ CTRL R	146
	^ CTRL S	147
	^ CTRL T	148
	^ CTRL U	149
	^ CTRL V	150
	^ CTRL W	151
	^ CTRL X	152
	^ CTRL Y	153
	^ CTRL Z	154
	ESC	
	SHIFT	
	DELETE	156
	ESC	
	SHIFT	
	INSERT	157
	ESC	
	CTRL	
	TAB	158
	ESC	
	SHIFT	
	TAB	159
	^ CTRL .	224
	^ CTRL ;	251
	^ SHIFT -	252
	ESC CTRL 2	253
	ESC	
	CTRL	
	DELETE	254
	ESC	
	CTRL	
	INSERT	255

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COPY MATE

A fast, easy disk-sector copier

by MIKE PALMER

COPYMATE is a utility program that copies disks. It boots (loads itself) in three seconds and is ready for immediate use. The program is initialized with a set of pre-defined options that are displayed on the screen. You can change these default settings with the BASIC customizer program in Listing 2.

To create the working version of **COPYMATE**, type Listing 1 into the Assembler Editor or **MAC/65** and assemble it to disk with the command **ASM, #D:COPYMATE.OBJ**. Next, enter **DOS** and use menu option **L** to load **COPYMATE.OBJ**. (Before entering **DOS**, **XL** owners should boot Translator while pressing **[OPTION]** to disable **BASIC**.) As the file loads, hold down **[OPTION]** to run the routine that creates the boot file. Insert a newly-formatted blank disk into Drive 1 and press **[RETURN]**. In a few seconds, a working version of **COPYMATE** will be created and then booted automatically.

To load an existing version of **COPYMATE**, turn off your computer and remove all cartridges. (**XL** owners should boot Translator while holding down **[OPTION]** to disable **BASIC**.) Now put the **COPYMATE** disk in Drive 1 and turn on the computer (**XL** owners press **[SELECT]**).

Before starting a copy, you can change any of the displayed options with a single keystroke. Press **[S]** or **[D]** to switch the source or destination drive number between 1 and 2, **[F]** to choose a formatting option, and **[W]** to turn Write Verification on and off.

COPYMATE displays a "map" of the source (original) disk on the screen. Each of the 720 dots initially displayed represent one sector (128 bytes) of the disk. If a sector contains data, the dot is replaced by a larger dot; if the sector can't be read, a question mark replaces the dot. When the sector is empty, the original dot remains. A line at the bottom of the screen indicates (in hexadecimal) the number of the sector

SYNOPSIS

*This self-booting disk-copy program copies an entire disk in two passes with 48K (or more) RAM, but works in as little as 16K. The main program listing is written in assembly language, and requires OSS's **MAC/65** or the **Atari Assembler Editor** cartridge. With **Atari XL** machines, the **Translator** disk is required to run the machine-language program generated from the assembled listing. Antic disk subscribers: follow directions in article.*

being read or written.

COPYMATE does not copy blank sectors. You can copy your source disk in one pass if it is less than half full. To produce an exact copy, however, the destination disk must be formatted first. Results are unpredictable when this is not done.

When **COPYMATE** encounters a disk-read error, it will retry the sector involved for up to 15 seconds before proceeding to the next one. If you know a sector is bad, move **COPYMATE** to the next sector by pressing **[BREAK]**. When reading a series of bad sectors, wait at least 15 seconds between presses of

[BREAK] or you may miss a sector.

If you're not using the Translator disk, you can press **[RESET]** at any time to abort a copy and return to the initial menu of options. Press **[SELECT]** during a read operation to skip the rest of the disk and start writing what's been read to the destination disk. If you're copying a **DOS** disk, do not press **[SELECT]** until the disk **VTOC** and directory (sectors \$168 to \$170) have been read. Otherwise, you won't be able to access the files on the disk.

You can use the **[OPTION]** key to make multiple copies of a disk with a single disk drive. You can also do this with a two-drive setup, but only if the source disk is less than half full (one-pass copy). Since you'll be switching half-copied disks, and there are no special prompts, you must keep track of each step of the operation.

First, set up for a one-drive copy. Insert the source disk and press **[START]**. When "INSERT DESTINATION DISK" appears, insert the first destination disk and press **[START]**. When "INSERT SOURCE DISK" or "COPY COMPLETE" appears, press **[OPTION]** to indicate that the data that's been read is to be written again. Then insert the second destina-

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tion disk, and press [START]. Repeat the last two steps for each additional copy, and then repeat the entire process until all copies have been completed.

CUSTOMIZING COPYMATE

Listing 2 is a BASIC program (CUSTOMIZER) that sets COPYMATE parameters to your specifications. Type in Listing 2, check it with TYPO, and SAVE a copy as a backup. RUN the program and put the COPYMATE boot disk in Drive 1. (Use your backup copy of COPYMATE, in case there's a typing error in the CUSTOMIZER program.) Press [RETURN] and answer each question. The range of responses for each parameter is shown in square brackets; the current setting appears under the cursor. To accept the current setting for any parameter press [RETURN]. After the final question, the new options will be written to the boot disk. *Remember to*

remove the BASIC cartridge before you boot COPYMATE.

When using CUSTOMIZER, you must specify the make of the drive to be used. With one exception, Atari-compatible drives write zeros to a disk during the formatting operation. The exception is the Percom drive, which writes a pattern of \$1A (hex) to the disk. For COPYMATE to determine whether a sector is empty or not, it must know if the disk was formatted on a Percom drive. If this option isn't set correctly, COPYMATE will work, but it won't skip blank sectors.

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Listing 1

0100	-OPT NO LIST	0500	BACKGR = \$02C6	0A00	OR,0 BACKGROUND	1000	OFF = \$00	FLAG OFF
0110	-TAB 13,15,25	0510	PRIMER = \$02C6	0A10	SR,0 BORDER	1010	ON = \$01	FLAG ON
0120	-TITLE *COPYMATE 1.4	0520	CN\$INH = \$02F0	0A20	OR,0 CURSOR INHIB	1020	TIMOUT = \$07	1/0 TIMEOUT (SECS)
0130	----	0530	IT \$=0N	0A30	INTERNAL VALUE FO	1030	NOS1	FORMAT TIMEOUT (S)
0140	COPYMATE 1.4	0540	CON CN = \$02FC	0A40	LAST KEY HIT	1040	TIMINT = \$A0	FORMAT TIMEOUT (S)
0150	BT MIKE PALMER	0550	OR LAST KEY HIT	0A50	OR,0 IF PROTECT	1050	BUFOFF = \$0350	BUFFER BOTTOM
0160	ANTIC MAGAZINE	0560	OR,0 OR,0V = \$07FA	0A60	INTERRUPT REQUEST	1060	DISKID = \$21	DISK DEVICE ID
0170	----	0570	OR,0 OR,0N = \$02B0	0A70	OR,0 OR,0V = \$07FA	1070	LASTSEC = \$07FA	LAST SECTOR TO GO
0180	PART ZERO	0580	OR,0 OR,0V = \$001F	0A80	OR,0 OR,0V = \$001F	1080	SECTOC = \$50	SCREEN VTDC OFFSE
0190	-----	0590	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0450	0A90	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0450	1090	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0200	SOURCE DRIVE	0600	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0AA0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1100	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0210	DESTINATION DRIVE	0610	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0AB0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1110	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0220	NUMBER OF DRIVES	0620	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0AC0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1120	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0230	OR SYSTEM	0630	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0AD0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1130	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0240	FORMAT TYPE	0640	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0AE0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1140	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0250	SECTOR SIZE (SECS)	0650	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0AF0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1150	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0260	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	0660	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B00	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1160	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0270	-----	0670	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B10	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1170	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0280	SOURCE DRIVE	0680	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B20	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1180	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0290	DESTINATION DRIVE	0690	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B30	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1190	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0300	NUMBER OF DRIVES	0700	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B40	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1200	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0310	OR SYSTEM	0710	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B50	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1210	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0320	FORMAT TYPE	0720	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B60	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1220	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0330	SECTOR SIZE (SECS)	0730	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B70	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1230	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0340	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	0740	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B80	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1240	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0350	-----	0750	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0B90	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1250	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0360	SOURCE DRIVE	0760	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0BA0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1260	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0370	DESTINATION DRIVE	0770	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0BB0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1270	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0380	NUMBER OF DRIVES	0780	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0BC0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1280	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0390	OR SYSTEM	0790	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0BD0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1290	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0400	FORMAT TYPE	0800	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0BE0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1300	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0410	SECTOR SIZE (SECS)	0810	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0BF0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1310	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0420	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	0820	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C00	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1320	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0430	-----	0830	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C10	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1330	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0440	SOURCE DRIVE	0840	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C20	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1340	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0450	DESTINATION DRIVE	0850	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C30	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1350	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0460	NUMBER OF DRIVES	0860	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C40	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1360	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0470	OR SYSTEM	0870	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C50	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1370	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
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0490	SECTOR SIZE (SECS)	0890	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C70	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1390	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0500	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	0900	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C80	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1400	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0510	-----	0910	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0C90	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1410	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0520	SOURCE DRIVE	0920	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0CA0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1420	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0530	DESTINATION DRIVE	0930	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0CB0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1430	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0540	NUMBER OF DRIVES	0940	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0CC0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1440	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0550	OR SYSTEM	0950	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0CD0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1450	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0560	FORMAT TYPE	0960	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0CE0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1460	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0570	SECTOR SIZE (SECS)	0970	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0CF0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1470	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0580	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	0980	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D00	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1480	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0590	-----	0990	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D10	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1490	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0600	SOURCE DRIVE	1000	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D20	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1500	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0610	DESTINATION DRIVE	1010	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D30	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1510	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0620	NUMBER OF DRIVES	1020	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D40	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1520	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
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0640	FORMAT TYPE	1040	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D60	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1540	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0650	SECTOR SIZE (SECS)	1050	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D70	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1550	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0660	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	1060	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D80	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1560	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0670	-----	1070	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0D90	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1570	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0680	SOURCE DRIVE	1080	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0DA0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1580	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
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0700	NUMBER OF DRIVES	1100	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0DC0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1600	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
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0740	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	1140	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0E00	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1640	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0750	-----	1150	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0E10	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1650	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0760	SOURCE DRIVE	1160	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0E20	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1660	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0770	DESTINATION DRIVE	1170	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0E30	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1670	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
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0820	WRITE MODE \$57=VE	1220	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0E80	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1720	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
0830	-----	1230	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0E90	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1730	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
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0850	DESTINATION DRIVE	1250	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	0EB0	OR,0 OR,0V = \$0477	1750	SECTOC = \$00	SCREEN W/R SEC =
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3930 OPTCLK LDA #OFF CLEAR KEY
3931 STA CW PRESS
3932 OPTEND JMP OPTCHK
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3934 : SCREEN VTDC INITIALIZATION
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3939 :
3940 VTOHIT LDA #SCVTC VTDC SCRN OFFS
3941 :
3942 STA VTDC
3943 STA VTDCI PRESS
3944 LDA SARMSC
3945 STA VTDC-Y
3946 STA VTDC+1
3947 LDA #0 LOOP 3 TIMES
3948 LDA #EMPTY
3949 :
3950 VTOLPI LBY #0 INIT SIBB BYTES
3951 VTOLPZ STA (VTDC),Y EACH PASS
3952 :
3953 INY
3954 RMC VTOLPZ
3955 LMC VTDC+1
3956 OEX
3957 RMC VTOLPI
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3959 : COPY DISK
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3962 : GET BLOCK OF SECTIONS
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5500 BGO WAITING
5510 CPE =>OPTKEY OPTION KEY?
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5570 WAITING RTS
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5600 "CHECK DESTINATION"
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5620 CHKOST JSR PRINTW B/P ERROR MSG
5630 LDA =>CHKMSG255,"CHECK BEST"
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Listing 2

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10 REM COPYMATE 1.4 CUSTOMIZER
20 REM BY MIKE PALMER
30 REM ANTIC MAGAZINE
40 DIM AS(128),BS(1),FM$(1),VF$(1),D
RV$(1)

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assembly language

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50 OPEN #1,4,0,"E":POKE 710,148:POKE
712,148:POKE 82,0:POKE 752,1
60 AS="":AS(126)="":AS(2)=AS
70 DSKWRT=ADR("HLS"):REM SECTOR 1/0 R
ROUTINE
50 PRINT "X" COPYMATE 1.4 CUSTOM
USER "
90 PRINT "XXXXXXXXX" INSERT COPYMATE
1.4 BOOT DISK"
100 PRINT "X" INTO DRIVE #1 - THEN PRE
SS RETURN "X";
110 INPUT #1,B$
120 REM READ 1ST SECTOR OFF THE DISK
130 BUFFAD=ADR(AS)
140 SEC=1:DCOM=02:DDIR=64
150 GOSUB 790:REM SET UP DISK DCB
160 X=USR(DSKWRT):REM READ SECTOR
170 IF PEEK(771)=1 THEN 210
180 ? "XXXXX" ERROR IN READING FROM D
RIVE ONE"
190 ? "X" CHECK IT OUT -- THEN RE-
RUN"XXXXXXXXXXXXX"
200 END
210 REM ASK FOR NEW PARAMETERS
220 ? "ENTER REQUIRED DEFAULTS - CURR
ENT VALUES"
230 ? "X" ARE SHOWN UNDER THE CURSOR
AND MAY"
240 ? " BE ENTERED SIMPLY BY PRESSING
RETURN "X"
250 POKE 752,0
260 TRAP 260
270 ? "X" NUMBER OF DRIVES ON SYSTEM ?
[1-8] :":ASC(AS(13)):":":
280 INPUT #1,NDRIVE
290 IF NDRIVE<1 OR NDRIVE>8 THEN 260
300 IF NDRIVE=1 THEN SOURCE=1:DESTIN=1
:GOTO 300
310 TRAP 310
320 ? "X" SOURCE DISK DRIVE ..... ?
[1-":NDRIVE:"] :":ASC(AS(9)):":":
330 INPUT #1,SOURCE
340 IF SOURCE>NDRIVE OR SOURCE<1 THEN
310
350 TRAP 350
360 ? "X" DESTINATION DISK DRIVE ... ?
[1-":NDRIVE:"] :":ASC(AS(10)):":":
370 INPUT #1,DESTIN
380 IF DESTIN>NDRIVE OR DESTIN<1 THEN
350
390 TRAP 390
400 IF ASC(AS(11))=0 THEN FMTS="N"
410 IF ASC(AS(11))=1 THEN FMTS="Y"
420 ? "X" FORMAT DESTINATION DISK .. ?
[Y/N] :":FMTS:":":
430 INPUT #1,FMTS
440 IF FMTS<>"N" AND FMTS<>"Y" THEN 39
0
450 TRAP 450
460 IF ASC(AS(12))=00 THEN VFYS="N"
470 IF ASC(AS(12))=07 THEN VFYS="Y"
480 ? "X" WRITE WITH VERIFICATION .. ?
[Y/N] :":VFYS:":":
490 INPUT #1,VFYS
500 IF VFYS<>"N" AND VFYS<>"Y" THEN 45
0
510 TRAP 510
520 IF ASC(AS(14))=0 THEN DRVS="A"
530 IF ASC(AS(14))=26 THEN DRVS="P"
540 ? "X" ATARI OR PERCOM DRIVES ... ?
[A/P] :":DRVS:":":
550 INPUT #1,DRVS
560 IF DRVS<>"A" AND DRVS<>"P" THEN 51
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570 REM SET UP NEW VALUES
580 AS(9)=CHRS(SOURCE)
590 AS(10)=CHRS(DESTIN)
600 AS(13)=CHRS(NDRIVE)
610 IF FMTS="N" THEN AS(11)=CHRS(0)
620 IF FMTS="Y" THEN AS(11)=CHRS(1)
630 IF VFYS="N" THEN AS(12)=CHRS(00)
640 IF VFYS="Y" THEN AS(12)=CHRS(07)
650 IF DRVS="A" THEN AS(14)=CHRS(0)
660 IF DRVS="P" THEN AS(14)=CHRS(26)
670 REM WRITE 1ST SECTOR BACK TO DISK
680 SEC=1:DCOM=07:DDIR=120
690 GOSUB 790:REM SET UP DISK DCB
700 X=USR(DSKWRT):REM WRITE SECTOR
710 POKE 752,1
720 IF PEEK(771)=1 THEN 760
730 ? "XXXXX" ERROR IN WRITING TO DR
IVE ONE"
740 ? "X" CHECK IT OUT -- THEN PRESS M
RETURN "X"
750 INPUT #1,B$:GOTO 690
760 ? "XXXXX" COPYMATE 1.4 CUSTOMIZATION
COMPLETE
770 ? "X" REMOVE BASIC CART BEFORE RE-
BOOTING"? :?
780 END
790 REM DISK DCB SET UP SUBROUTINE
800 POKE 768,49:REM DEVICE - DISK
810 POKE 769,1:REM UNIT - 1
820 POKE 770,DCOM:REM COMMAND
830 POKE 771,DDIR:REM DIRECTION
840 AH=INT(BUFFAD/256)
850 AL=BUFFAD-AH*256
860 POKE 772,AL:REM BUFFER ADDRESS LO
870 POKE 773,AH:REM BUFFER ADDRESS HI
880 POKE 774,7:REM TIMEOUT IN SECS
890 POKE 776,120:REM TRANSFER COUNT LO
900 POKE 777,0:REM TRANSFER COUNT HI

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910 POKE 778,SEC:REM SECTOR NUMBER LO
920 POKE 779,0:REM SECTOR NUMBER HI
930 RETURN

TYPE TABLE

Variable checksum = 465015

Line num range	Code	Length
10 - 120	SO	506
130 - 240	HT	429
250 - 360	QU	494
370 - 480	TI	356
490 - 600	MF	304
610 - 720	TH	395
730 - 840	TV	397
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40 DIM HS(2), ARRAYS(96), HOLDS(1200), HEX$(23), FILES(20): HEX$="@ABCDEFGHI####"
##JLNMN0":CASS=0:Q=1
70 ? "PLEASE WAIT....":FOR D=1 TO 500
: NEXT D:POKE 559,0
130 RESTORE 2000:FOR LINE=2000 TO 2250
STEP 10:GOSUB 140:NEXT LINE:GOTO 190
140 READ ARRAYS,LSUM:FOR HNUM=1 TO LEN
(ARRAYS) STEP 2:HS=ARRAYS(HNUM,HNUM+1)
150 D=0:FOR I=1 TO 2:D=D*16+ASC(HEX$(ASC
(HS(I))-47))-64:NEXT I
155 SUM=SUM+(ASC(HS(1,1))+ASC(HS(2,2)))
: HOLDS(Q,Q)=CHR$(D):D=Q+1:NEXT HNUM
160 CL=PEEK(183)+PEEK(184)*256:IF CL<
LINE THEN POKE 559,34:"LINE ";LINE;"
IS MISSING.":END
170 IF LSUM<SUM THEN POKE 559,34:" "
BAD DATA AT LINE #":LINE:END
180 RETURN
190 POKE 559,34:"PRESS <RETURN> TO
SAVE THE FILE.":INPUT HS
200 CLOSE #1:OPEN #1,B,0,"D:FADER.EXE"
: IOCB=040:POKE IOCB+2,1
210 ADDRESS=ADR(HOLDS):ADHI=INT(ADDRESS
S/256):ADLO=ADDRESS-ADHI*256
220 BYTES=LEN(HOLDS):NUMHI=INT(BYTES/2
56):NUMLO=BYTES-NUMHI*256
230 POKE IOCB+4,ADLO:POKE IOCB+5,ADHI
: POKE IOCB+8,NUMLO:POKE IOCB+9,NUMHI
240 X=USR(ADR("hhdLVL"),16)
250 CLOSE #1:"ALL DONE.":END
2000 DATA FFFFE002E1020421001E01220DCC
1E0CC1E0CC1E0CC1E0CC1E000DCC1E2003
1E0CC1E0CC1E0CC1E0CC1E000DCC1E2003
2010 DATA 4CB61E850068AA68A86085016005
83680582680DCC1E98488A48A000A900006722
B100000004C9900034C5B1E,10322
2020 DATA C93A0005A901006722C04C21EAD
06722C900F0034C841EA944800004A93A80B104
A000A2020100000004C99000,15371
2030 DATA 034C841EE8C84C731E20031EAEC
1EA502904A03A583094803A980904403A90490
4503A9039042034C861E80DCA,20504
2040 DATA 1E6BA068A86800C081E408A4860
2056E4AECCE1E0D4030066222900C900000160
4C74E4008582A90748A50229,25578
2050 DATA 304910186900C8A502290F48A91E
48A9E94CE01E533A900020241E0085068AA60
A86858198488A40AECCE1EA9,30674
2060 DATA 00904003A901904903A500904403
A581904503A9050420320061EA000100C990
00034C2C1FC84C1F1FC8A900,35707
2070 DATA 91000085066AA68A680085816805
0490480A48A9FF0585A5040A800546054C481F
A00A022505C564F00200F5A0,40769
2080 DATA 00910068006C22A944006E22A93A
006F22A203006E22C92000034C811FE0000F0
034C6F1F8AC90000034CADD1F,45901

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2090 DATA A07022006F22A07022007022A07A
22907122A02E906E22A59000722A500007322
4CC01FAD7A22007822A07922,51071
2100 DATA 807A22A07822007922A92E007822
A500007C22A5000070220000022A91F48A9FA
20A61EAECCE1EAD0022904203,56275
2110 DATA A550904403A559904503A90049040
03A91E9049034C861E69006C22A91820C01E20
3A20A0300020500A031020501,61296
2120 DATA A003A94E9100A006A90E9100C0C0
6300F7A94E9100C0C0C08100C090FF0034C3920
A90E9100C04C202060A00004,66390
2130 DATA C95F00034C47204C3A2060010040
0210000420006C22A2000A00622E000F9A900
000322A9FEC0032200034C90,71406
2140 DATA 20A0032249FF48000522A0052240
A92249A90520321FAA000622A00640A000622
A00522000622600A00000622,76516
2150 DATA EE03224C612060006C22A5000500
0502A90000622A907C0822200034C3021AE02
22A900000322A9FEC0032200,81553
2160 DATA 034C00200A48A03220C0622600A
203E21E003224C8E200A48A2FF0C0622600A20
3E21AD6622C97F000500034C,06606
2170 DATA 3721AD0222C902F0034C0421A001
B1000C402AD0222C903F0034C1521A0002010
00C502AD0222C904F0034C26,91631
2180 DATA 21A00010000C0602AD0222C905F0
034C3721A000010000C002EE02224C206000
6C22AD064220501AD06220503,96631
2190 DATA A900000422A910C0042200034C03
218100304020C900F0034C702100042049FF31
024C7221102018201820601E003,101505
2200 DATA E0A2907AAEE04224C0821602050
20A90700632220F01FA559006522AD0652230E9
20006422AD064220559A90100,106613
2210 DATA 6222A9014BA90064BA9004BA92140
A9004C0F21A2E404943900020241EA9012000
1EA901000222AD06222C00222,111500
2220 DATA 00034C521A92240A900E20F11EE
02224CCC21A90120101EAD0622C92000012060
1FA9014BA9044BA9004BA922,116614
2230 DATA 4BA96E20241EA90120001EAD06422
0559AD63220CF1F209E20A90120101EA90005
400513A513C90000034C4722,121552
2240 DATA A01FD02901C9000003204722A01F
002902C90000032053224C322AD0622186901
006224C4721AD1F092901C9,126596
2250 DATA 0000032047224C5322,127445

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4. Use DOS menu option E to rename FADER.EXE to AUTORUN.SYS.
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7. FADER loads a new picture about every 30 seconds. To load and display the next picture sooner than that, press [START]. After the last picture on the disk displays, FADER loads the first one again, and so on.
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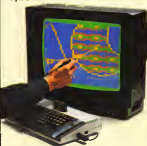


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